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TWO KINDS OF PIRACY EXPLAINED

CASES AT SESSIONS

S.S. "ANKING" PROSECUTION OPENS TO-DAY

CHART PUT BEFORE JURY

The two kinds of piracy were explained in the Supreme Court to-day at the resumption of the December Criminal Sessions.

In the "Anking" case, the indictment against Yuen Ping-kwan comprised two counts, one of piracy jure gentium (or piracy at common law, which is equivalent to robbery, except that it is at sea and not on land), and the other of statutory piracy (under an Act of 1837), with violence and endangering life, for which the punishment can be death.

Statutory piracy must be within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (assistant Attorney General) both pointed out to the jury.

Admiralty Jurisdiction

The Admiralty claimed jurisdiction throughout the high seas, Mr. Fitzroy added, and pretended to have jurisdiction over that part covered at high tide and uncovered at low tide.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) was for the defence.

The preliminaries, including the reading of the indictment and interpretation, occupied the best part of an hour and Yuen Ping-kwan pleaded "not guilty."

In the charge of statutory piracy (including the words "did assault and murder"), the date of the alleged offence was given as Sept. 26, 1928. In the charge of "ordinary" piracy, the dates were Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

To Sit To-morrow?

Events on the British s.s. "Anking" while on her voyage from Singapore to Hoihow and Amoy, during which Mr. D. C. Jones (chief officer), Mr. H. Thompson (chief engineer) and Cheng Sun-tak (quartermaster) were killed, and Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole and others injured, were related by Mr. Fitzroy to the jury.

At one stage his Lordship the Chief Justice left his seat, on the bench and went to the jury box to point out places mentioned on a chart.

Should the case be not completed by this afternoon the Court will sit to-morrow morning.

Many of the officers and others on board the "Anking" at the time are to give evidence.

Antefois Acquit Plea

Prior to the "Anking" case, Mr. Alabaster (who is also instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) mentioned Ho Fu, who is charged with piracy jure gentium on board a junk.

It was indicated that a plea of antefois acquit (that is, that prisoner had been previously tried elsewhere on the same charge and, therefore, cannot be tried again) would be entered. The solicitor for accused had written to the Court at Shekhi and that Court had replied referring the defence to the Court of the District Magistrate of Heungshan, a higher tribunal. Accordingly, counsel asked that the case be allowed to stand over to the next Sessions.

His Lordship granted the application on the Crown assenting.

FORGED NOTES

INDIAN AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED

An Indian, named Kam Singh, was charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., this morning with unlawful possession of 89 forged \$10 Hong Kong notes and two rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Lane, prosecuting, asked for another week's remand. He stated that he had received instructions from Mr. T. H. King, D.C.L., to have the case committed for trial.

After adjourning the case for another week, the Magistrate directed that defendant put on a turban when brought before the Court.

"All roads lead to the mortuary."
 A witness at the Bow County Court.

THE "GAZETTE DU FRANC" SCANDAL

MORE ARRESTS

TWO DIRECTORS OF ALLIED NEWSPAPERS

FURTHER SENSATION

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Gillot and M. Anquetil, directors respectively of the "Interpresse" and the "L'Armateur" financial newspapers associated with the "Gazette du Franc," have been arrested.—Reuter.

The Crash

[A telegram from Paris, dated December 8, stated:—Financial and political circles experienced, in the arrest of Madame Marthe Hanau and her divorced husband, Lazare Bloch, in connection with what is described as one of the most colossal financial swindles in French records.

Both are accused of huge frauds at the expense of small investors. Madame directed a vast share in the investment organisation of the Paris "Gazette du Franc" founded in 1926 with the avowed idea of restoring public confidence in the franc.

The "Gazette" boosted the shares of her companies, published articles by several ministers and well-known authorities and once the front page was devoted to a letter from M. Poincare.

The crash came when inquiries were opened on her proposal to issue bonds of 170,000,000 francs at a high interest.

An examination of the books are alleged to show an uncovered deficit of \$800,000.

It is alleged that a number of deputies are involved in the scandal.

M. Poincare, in the Chamber, promised a thorough investigation which, judging by the cartloads of documents seized at the "Gazette" office, will likely be of very protracted.

First Fruits

A later telegram said that with reference to the "Gazette du Franc" crash the arrest of its principal directors would seem to be the first fruits of a harvest of financial scandals in France.

The director of a Strasbourg financial concern has been arrested but the police refuse to divulge details.

Count Maurice de Courville, described as the founder of the "Gazette du Franc" in 1925 has been accused of complicity in the Hanau affair, but he has been provisionally allowed his liberty.]

STRICKEN MINERS

CHRISTMAS FARE FOR THE DISTRESSED

\$500,000 FUND

London, Yesterday.

Success attended the efforts made in the distressed areas to secure that no family in need should be without reasonable fare on Christmas Day. Organisations that have been for some time past engaged in relief work and new bodies called into existence by the great wave of public concern were busily engaged in distributing vast consignments of food and clothing.

The moving appeal made by wireless on Christmas evening by the Prince of Wales on behalf of workless miners and their dependants has already met with a striking response. The "Daily Mail" states that the total of the fund is now approaching \$500,000.—Reuter.

LABOUR M.P.'S DEATH

London, Dec. 28.

The death is announced of Mr. G. H. Warr, the Labour Member of Parliament for Wensbeck, Northumberland, since 1922. At the last General Election he held his seat by a majority of over 2,000 against a Conservative in a straight contest.—Reuter.

[Mr. Warr, who was President of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Approved Society, officiated as a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1924 when the Labour Party was in power. He was only 47 at the time of his death.]

THE PRIMATE

London, Yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is progressing and no further bulletins will be issued.—Reuter.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

NOT SO GOOD

THE RAY THERAPY TREATMENT AGAIN ADMINISTERED

"LESS CONFIDENT" FEELING

London, Yesterday.

Reuter was officially informed at 3.15 p.m. that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition. For the first time since Sunday Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods called at the palace to-night to administer the ray therapy treatment, says a bulletin signed by Sir Stanley Hewett, Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson of Penn.

"Definite Check"

The usual morning and evening bulletins will be issued to-morrow, it is reliably learnt.

To-night's bulletin indicates a slight temporary but definite check in the King's progress. It is pointed out that though the doctors recent-

THE KING'S HEALTH

"Not Been So Satisfactory"

London, Yesterday.

A bulletin issued at 8.20 p.m. stated that during to-day His Majesty's condition had not been so satisfactory, as there had been a disinclination to take nourishment and his strength had been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady.—Reuter.

ly emphasised that progress would be necessarily slow and tedious the improvement has been even slower than anticipated, probably owing to the difficulty of inducing the patient to take nourishment, the main item of which for some time has been raw eggs.

The statement that the pulse remains steady is not altogether a reassuring sign, denoting that while the doctors are momentarily satisfied, they are watching the future with great attention.

There is a less confident atmosphere at the Palace to-night, in contrast with the past few days.

New Year Honours

Owing to the King's illness the Prime Minister is at present unable to make the customary submission to His Majesty for the New Year Honours list, which will in consequence be postponed.

In A Weak Condition

Reuter learns that no alarm is at present felt as to the King's condition. The anxiety which continued during the past week still exists.

The position is that the King had and still has a very narrow margin of safety.

A check in the progress in the case of a man in such a weak condition as His Majesty must be serious.

A bacteriological examination was carried out this afternoon and it is understood that the doctors intend to carry out a further general review of the case to-day, when they hope that His Majesty may regain some of the "lost ground."

The result of the lapse in progress is that the margin of safety has become smaller and until the King can reach a condition where the margin is wider anxiety will continue.—Reuter.

[By A Medical correspondent in the "Daily Mail."]

Congestion of the lung, from which the King is suffering, is a necessary consequence of any but the mildest infection of the lung tissues.

It simply means, in effect, that an additional supply of "lymph" is being brought to the affected part so as to wash away accumulated bacterial poisons, and that the body is resisting to the best of its ability with the help of the blood cells which are its defenders.

Provided that the important matter of annihilating the invading germs can be successfully accomplished, a patient of robust constitution can put up with the temporary discomfort and illness which is involved by the waging of a contest in his chest between the forces of his own vitality and the poisons

APPALLING BELGIAN DISASTER

INUNDATIONS

7,000 ACRES INHABITED BY 10,000 AFFECTED

SPRING TIDES EXPECTED

Brussels, Yesterday.

Serious inundations have occurred over the whole district north of Termonde due to the violent gale and the in-rushing tidal waters of the Scheldt.

Nearly 7,000 acres, inhabited by 10,000 people are under water and the outlook is blackened owing to the contemplation of high spring tides expected on Dec. 29 coupled with the hopelessness of damming-up the Scheldt.—Reuter.

of disease—which is what contagion really amounts to.

Aid to Diagnosis

A microscopic examination of the blood, such as has been carried out in the case of the King, is one of the many useful aids to exact diagnosis which modern science provides in all febrile cases.

A drop of the patient's blood is obtained by pricking either the finger-tip or the lobe of the ear, and it is smeared evenly over the surface of a wafer-thin square of glass. In order to make recognition of the different types of cell which are found in the blood as easy as possible, this "film" is stained with an aniline dye which shows them up in a characteristic red and blue pattern.

The glass slip is then placed on a larger slide, whose surface is scored in a chequer-board pattern, so as to divide it into a series of tiny squares. The number of white cells in each of these is then counted under a microscope, and the average compared with what is known to be the normal.

What X-Rays Reveal

An X-ray examination of the chest is often of great value in ensuring the detection of small patches of consolidation in the lungs which are not detectable by the ordinary methods of physical examination. As these consist of consolidated lung tissue, they are opaque to the rays and show up as dark patches.

Any serious or widespread patches would give rise to such unmistakable physical signs that the mere fact of the use of X-rays may be regarded as reassuring.

The King's Doctors

Many people have been puzzled by the description of the two eminent medical men who are attending the King. Sir Stanley Hewett is Surgeon-Apothecary and Lord Dawson of Penn is Physician-in-Ordinary. The former title dates back several hundred years. The doctor holding the position is in constant medical attendance, while the Physician-in-Ordinary is sent for in the capacity of consultant.

Lord Dawson of Penn, who has been Physician-in-Ordinary to the King since 1907, has a world-wide reputation. Quite apart from the high position he holds in relation to the King, and held in regard to King Edward VII., to whom he was Physician Extraordinary, he has come to be regarded as a spokesman in all that concerns the interests and activities of the profession to which he belongs.

His seat in the House of Lords has given him opportunities of uttering expert views of importance and wide interest. Especial attention was aroused by a vigorous condemnation of prohibition, cordial approval of the use of alcohol in moderation, proof that the nation is becoming more sober, and an appreciation of the part played by modern women in bringing this about which were contained in a striking speech made by him in the Upper Chamber about eighteen months ago.

Sir Stanley Hewett, Surgeon-Apothecary to the King since 1914, filled the same position to the late Queen Alexandra. He is only 48, and has been a familiar figure at St. Thomas's and West London hospitals, in both of which he has held various appointments. His residence is in Cleveland-row, St. James's, S.W., within less than five minutes' walk of Buckingham Palace.

He is a Whitehall man and unmarried. He was educated at Haileybury and is a graduate of Caius College, Cambridge. He was knighted in 1921.

Inspector Lane informed the Magistrate that he had rung up the military authorities this morning, and had been told that no further news had been received.

The case was again adjourned for another week.

THE FERMENT IN KABUL

REBELS CHECKED

WAR MINISTER HEADS THE LOYALIST TROOPS

"IN THE NICK OF TIME"

Moscow, Yesterday.

A telegram from Kabul states that the Loyalists, headed by the War Minister, Vail Khan, have driven back the rebels from Kabul and occupied Baghala Hill. They also dislodged the rebels in the Darulaman Valley.

King Amanullah's troops to the east are holding Jalalabad on the Hindukush Front.

The Rescue

The foreign women and children were rescued in the nick of time from Kabul, as no further flying is possible for the aerodrome is now under two feet of snow.

It is reported from Peshawar that King Amanullah may try to move the Government to Kandahar and attempt a strong offensive against the rebels.

The British Legation is in direct wireless touch with India and says that the Afghan Government situation at Kabul is definitely easier.

TEST TEAMS

The teams to play for England and Australia in the Third Test Match, which opens at Melbourne to-morrow, will be found on page 9.

Rebels Destroy Hospital

A later cable from Moscow says that the Government troops have occupied Pagan and have driven out the rebels 18 miles from Kabul.

The rebels destroyed the military hospital at Biripala height and a number of villages around Kabul.—Reuter.

EXEMPTED

JUROR WHO WAS FINED TEN DOLLARS

AND ONE GOING AWAY

Mr. Im Pak-hi, who was fined \$50 on December 18 by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) because he was absent when his name was called for jury service at the Criminal Sessions, and whose fine was subsequently reduced, on explanation, to \$10, was exempted from service this morning.

His name was drawn in the "Anking" piracy case. As Mr. Im was reading the affirmation from the form on a card, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (assistant Attorney General) asked him to read aloud.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence) expressed doubt as to Mr. Im's ability to read the English in the affirmation.

Very Serious Case

His Lordship asked Mr. Im if he knew English. Mr. Im replied: "Not quite well" and then added "It is too poor for the Court." His Lordship pointed out that the case was a very serious one and suggested that Mr. Im withdraw, and Mr. Im was thereupon exempted from service.

Mr. R. K. Butler, of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., whose name was drawn, informed the Court that he is leaving the Colony on January 1. On his Lordship ascertaining that the trial may not have concluded by then, Mr. Butler was exempted from attendance.

PTE. JAMES BOYLE

ONCE AGAIN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

NO NEWS FROM COLOMBO

Private James Boyle, of the K.O.S.B., who was charged with the attempted murder of Sgt. A. Kerr on board the troop ship "Somersetshire" on Oct. 19-20 on the high seas, between Aden and Colombo, was again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Lane informed the Magistrate that he had rung up the military authorities this morning, and had been told that no further news had been received.

The case was again adjourned for another week.

SEAMEN'S CASES TAKE UNEXPECTED TURN

AN ADJOURNMENT

COUNSEL PROTEST AGAINST REFERENCE TO SHIPPING MASTER

CHARTERER'S VIEWPOINT

The case against members of the crew of the British s.s. "Darcolla," charged with disobeying the lawful order of the master (Captain John Ferguson), took an unexpected turn at the Marine Court this morning, when the Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., who suggested that the affair was a dispute over agreement, decided to refer the parties to the Shipping Master at the Harbour Office.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defendants, protested. He said that he felt very strongly about the treatment meted out to the crew, and he certainly thought that it was a matter which ought to be made public. He added that the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, an independent party in the dispute who had investigated on his own behalf, was frankly surprised that such a state of affairs could be obtained on a British ship.

Possibility of Prejudice

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton also raised an objection, he referred to the possibility of prejudice entering into the case, as it was known that people had gone on board the ship and taken statements there.

The point of view of the charterers of the ship, the Java-China-Japan-Lin, was expressed by Mr. O.E.C. Marton, who said that from his clients' point of view the case should be dealt with as early as possible, as the sooner the ship was able to leave the better it would be for the charterers, who were not concerned with the dispute.

Chinese Crew?

The Magistrate said that the thought that the matter could be dealt with more speedily if taken before the Shipping Master.

Mr. Brutton then produced to the Magistrate a telegram which had been received by Captain Ferguson in Court.

Mr. Russ asked to be allowed to see the cable and then remarked: "Now I understand. It is exactly as told to me yesterday, but I did not believe it."

The "China Mail" understands that the cable contained instructions from the owners to the master to ship a Chinese crew.

An Interview

Finally, after further discussion, the Magistrate referred the parties to the Shipping Master, and adjourned the case provisionally until 4 p.m., to await the outcome of the interview with the Shipping Master.

The question was raised as to the ship being further tied up here, and the Magistrate inquired if it was possible for a fresh crew to be engaged immediately.

The reply was in the affirmative.

Mr. Russ asked what would happen to the defendants if the ship sailed.

Would Receive Wages

The Magistrate replied that the Court stood adjourned until 4 p.m., and surely, the ship would still be here at that time.

Mr. Russ inquired if, following the Shipping Master's decision, the men would receive their wages.

The Magistrate replied that they would.

Mr. Russ: I will not be left to the master to decide?

The Magistrate replied that the master would have to place the wages account before the Shipping Master, and the latter would decide.

Mr. Russ then expressed his willingness to go before the Shipping Master, and remarked that he was sure that both Mr. Brutton and himself would be able to co-operate with a view to coming to a satisfactory conclusion.

At the opening of to-day's sitting of the Marine Court, Mr. Brutton told the Magistrate that the present charge should be amended to (1) refusing without reasonable cause to proceed to sea on the ship; and (2) conspiring and combining to impede the progress of the ship's voyage.

Mr. Russ protested that yesterday he received notice from Mr. Brutton re the charge of "conspiring and conspiring," but nothing was said about "reasonable cause."

The Magistrate said that the men had been duly charged by the master, and he thought that it covered everything.

Mr. Brutton replied that the charge was not in accordance with copies of charges which he had given to the master. When the latter got to the police he found that

J. A. GORDON LEASK'S DEATH

EX-H.K. SOLICITOR

CHRISTMAS EVE CABLE FROM SANDAKAN

ON EASMA COMMITTEE

The "China Mail" learns with regret that a cable has been received in Hong Kong notifying the reported death on Christmas Eve, at Sandakan, Borneo, of Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, the solicitor.

Mr. Leask was here for a few years with Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co. This year he left for Sandakan where he was in charge of the office of Mr. A. B. Hall, the Hong Kong practitioner.

During his stay here, Mr. Leask was prominently identified with a number of institutions and was associated with the management of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and the Easma Club.

He was a young man, well-built and strong. In the opinion of another lawyer, Mr. Leask was "always a gentleman and ever a fair fighter."

S.P.O.'S DEATH

AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN SHANGHAI

The death occurred yesterday of Stoker Petty Officer Thomas Reed, late of H.M.S. "Gnat," of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai.

He was not married (as far as is known) and his home was at Brighton.

the latter had already framed a charge against the defendants.

Police Complimented

Mr. Russ remarked that from his personal experience of the framing of charges by the police, he could say that they were very capable men.

The Magistrate suggested that they should proceed with the charge as it stood, and if necessary, a further charge could be added later.

Mr. Russ pointed out that if, later, it was decided to proceed with "conspiracy and combining" charge, it would upset his defence as it would be necessary for him to call more evidence to meet that charge. He commented that the prosecution was changing its position every minute. The least that he could say was that it was a very unusual procedure.

Mr. Brutton said that he could not proceed with the present charge, as it would

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Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 29th December.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Saturday, 8th February, 1929.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU Monday, 7th January.
CHIFUKU MARU Saturday, 10th January, 1929.

(Calls at Penang & Karachi).
DURBAN, LOURENÇO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 6th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Monday, 31st December.
(Calls at Belawan Deli).

BORNEO MARU Friday, 18th January, 1929.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU Saturday, 6th January.

SAIGON—Via Hanoi.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 3rd January 10 a.m.

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HAYAMA MARU Sunday, 6th January.

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HAYAMA MARU Sunday, 6th January.
KASADO MARU Thursday, 10th January, 1929.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th December Noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

COASTAL MOVES

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr. J. Robinson, chief officer, "Wenchow," has gone chief officer, "Sinkiang."

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer, "Sinkiang," has gone acting master, "Chungking."

Mr. R. K. Stott, extra second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone acting chief officer, "Changsha."

Mr. J. N. Daniel has been appointed extra second officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. T. B. Low, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chungking."

Mr. J. M. McWilliams, chief officer, "Chungking," is on reserve.

Mr. R. Wherry, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Wenchow."

Mr. K. A. Pegden, extra second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second officer, "Chusan."

Mr. W. Jones, chief officer, "Ngankin," has resigned.

Mr. R. Allison, chief officer, "Chungking," has gone chief officer, "Ngankin."

Mr. J. Shiell, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Hopsang."

Captain J. H. Ferguson, of the "Yuen-sang," is on home leave.

Captain J. McAlin, from home leave, has gone master, "Yuen-sang."

Mr. H. A. Settle, from home leave, has gone chief officer, "Liangchow."

Captain H. S. Allison, from reserve, has gone master, "Luenho."

Captain W. A. Balch, from reserve, has gone master, "Fooshing."

Mr. D. B. Smith, from home leave, has gone second officer, "Sui-wo."

Mr. W. Wanderleach, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Yatsing."

Mr. C. Moore, third engineer officer, "Yatsing," has gone acting second engineer officer, "Mingsang."

Mr. J. Fry, second engineer officer, "Mingsang," has resigned.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

H.M.'s transport "Neuralia" is to leave Shanghai on Dec. 31 for Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Kent" (flagship) left Sandakan yesterday for Makassar.

H.M.S. "Concord" left Colombo yesterday for Singapore. She carries reliefs for Hong Kong.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Allport" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 8 a.m. and is due here on Jan. 4 at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 23, and is due here on Jan. 10. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11.

NEW SUMMER PORT

CANADIAN TRAFFIC WHICH MAY DEVELOP

NEW LINES.

Canada next year may have a new summer port. Her winter port having been officially fixed at Halifax, there will thus be two newly recognised ports within a year for winter and summer services.

The new summer port will be peculiar amongst the ports of the world in several respects. It will be open for navigation only three months, in the year—July 1 to October 1; a considerable portion of it will be far from established ocean lines; it will be, at least in its early days, for freight rather than for passenger traffic; it will be the outlet for the interior business of a territory as large as the whole of Europe; and it will be the cheapest route between Western Canada and European markets.

This new summer port at Fort Churchill, at the far western end of the Hudson Bay, will differ from any port yet constructed. It is wholly a Dominion Government enterprise, backed and developed by the Canadian taxpayer. It is also in a sense a political port. It would never have been built but for urgent political reasons. For 20 years the farmers of Western Canada have demanded an outlet to Europe through the Hudson Bay for their wheat.

At first the demand was feeble and inarticulate. Then, through the farmers' clubs and societies, the enthusiasm increased until it reached the point where no political party could afford to ignore it. The next step was to get all the politicians pledged to support the movement for the construction of a railway to the Hudson Bay district. Finally, the pressure became so strong that the Canadian Parliament voted money for surveys, and later for the building of a railway to Port Nelson.

The End of a Funnell

But when an English engineer went out to Canada last year and reported against Port Nelson, and in favour of Fort Churchill, all that had been done at the Nelson terminus had to be scrapped, and the rail tracks turned in the north-westerly direction of Fort Churchill, towards which they are heading now at so rapid a rate that the line will be finished next year, when either the Prince of Wales or the Duke of York is expected to make a formal opening of the new terminals.

It is, therefore, believed that Fort Churchill will be in full swing in 1930, with wheat that summer pouring out of gigantic elevators into steamers specially built for its conveyance to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Manchester, and to such ports in Europe as may require it. For Fort Churchill will be known by the name of the summer wheat port of Canada, in contradistinction to Halifax, which has just assumed the title of the winter wheat port of the Dominion. That more wheat, many times over, will go through Fort Churchill than through Halifax is a foregone conclusion. One has the overland haul in its favour, while the other is handicapped by its great distance from the wheat fields of the West. Fort Churchill is right at the end of the funnel of the greatest wheat areas developed in any part of the world; Halifax is 2,000 to 3,000 miles away.

If Fort Churchill could be kept open for navigation as long, say, as the St. Lawrence route, it will deprive Montreal, on the Atlantic side of the Dominion, and Vancouver on the Pacific, of enormous shipments in grain. Halifax, however, will not be affected by this new route, since it is a winter port, pure and simple, in respect of Canadian grain for Europe, while the Hudson Bay terminals are exclusively for summer use.

Probable Trade Development

Halifax, however, will benefit in another way. It has recently become known that a great shipping business will be done between Halifax and Fort Churchill. The interior of Western Canada will want bituminous coal, fish, fruit, and manufactures—all brought in through the Hudson Bay—during the open summer months. Halifax is in a better position for such a trade than other Canadian ports. Nova Scotia is pre-eminently a coal-bearing province. Its mines are as inexhaustible as those of Britain. Its salt-water fisheries are amongst the most productive in

the coastal waters of the American Continent. Its apples are famous. Its manufactures—such as sugar, cotton, shoe-wear, wooden ware, tinned goods, and several other staple lines—are capable of whatever expansion is required to meet the demands of Western Canada's future millions.

And that—the millions of people who before long will live in the prairie provinces—is the real hope of whatever degree of prosperity may come to Fort Churchill. All manner of prophecies are made in respect of this, none of which may be realised. Yet the future of the whole vast country between Winnipeg and Vancouver (east to west) and the American boundary and the upper reaches of the Peace River Valley (south to north) must of necessity be one of considerable prosperity.

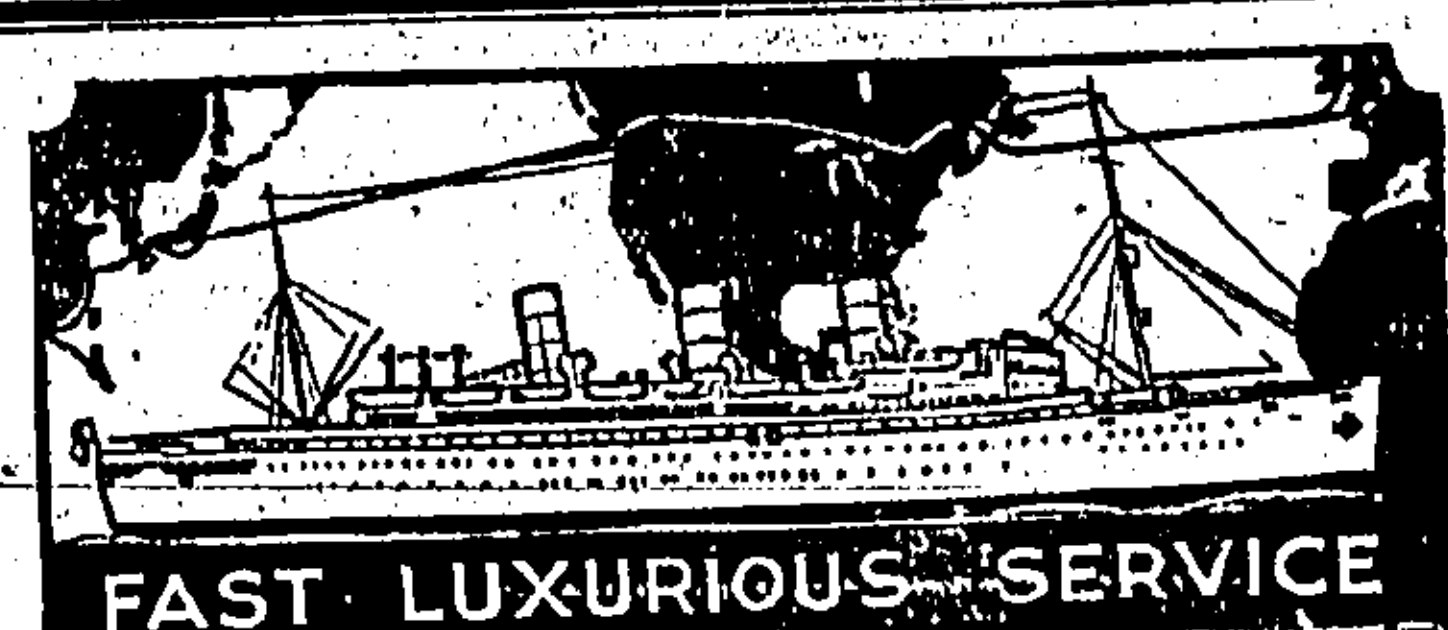
The wealth of the country's agricultural and mineral resources seems to be a guarantee of that. This year's wheat, 550 million bushels, would go out of the Hudson Bay route next summer to the extent of at least 50 million bushels, provided the port were ready, by that time. As 1,500 million bushels of wheat is the prophesied crop by and by, the export business at Fort Churchill may become one of the most concentrated anywhere (during its three months), once the route is satisfactorily established.

Tourists From England and Europe

What the shipping business may ultimately become at this new summer port may be estimated from Western Canada's present prospects. Lines of grain carriers, specially built in Britain, will be necessary, and of rather a different type from the grain vessels operating on the Great Lakes, as they will be trans-Atlantic and not fresh-water carriers. Steamers will also run between Fort Churchill and Montreal, and to Halifax and St. John, in the maritime provinces. The interesting calculation has just been made by officials of the Canadian Wheat Pool, which handles this year over 250,000,000 bushels of wheat, that if 25,000 tons of wheat be loaded daily during three months at Fort Churchill the shippers will then get rid of less than one-fifth the crop of the present year. In view of the annually-increasing grain output of the prairies these figures give some idea of the business which may be expected at Fort Churchill once it comes fully into its activities as a summer port.

Passenger traffic on a profitable scale is also anticipated. While wheat carriers from Fort Churchill to Liverpool may not be obliged to go back empty—coal at least being possible as one form of return cargo—there may spring up a class of tourist travel of no small importance. The sea voyage is comparatively short, and once at Fort Churchill there is a variety of country for sport and travel which may prove an attraction for Europeans.

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Sir Arthur Keith, the anthropologist, delivered the Huxley Memorial lecture of the Royal Anthropological Institute in the lecture hall of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W. He spoke on "The Evolution of Human Races."

He said it could not be denied that peoples had arisen by the mixing of diverse races.

"If evolution is true," he continued, "we ought to find human races in every stage of differentiation. This is what investigation is now revealing."

"Huxley rightly regarded the English, Welsh, Scottish, and Irish nationalities as mixtures of the

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International Treatment Needed
The question of regulations for the assignment of load lines to ships is essentially one for international treatment, and the purpose of the United States in adopting legislation similar to that in force in other countries is understood to be in part to regularise its position as a participant in the International Conference on Safety at Sea which is proposed to be held in London early next year. At this gathering the safety convention drawn up at an earlier conference, held after the loss of the Titanic, will be revised. That convention has never been fully carried into effect because of the break caused by the war, and the whole problem now needs reconsideration in the light of further experience which has been gained. At the former conference the load line question was not included in the discussion, because the British Government had expressed its intention of calling a further special conference on this particular matter, but clearly it cannot be omitted now. As the chief surveyor of the American Bureau of Shipping has pointed out, regulations for sub-division of ships and rules as to stability are, without exception, means are taken to ensure that ships are not loaded beyond their proper draughts. At the time that the conference after the loss of the "Titanic" was held a committee appointed by our own Board of Trade was studying the question of revising load line tables and regulations. The subject has been and still is under official consideration, a second committee having been appointed in 1927. Its report should be available before the International Safety Conference takes place next year.

Safety and Earning Power
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The Court found that the fire was caused by oil leakage at the burner attached to the starboard lower furnace of the after port boiler, probably due to the slackening of the housing screw, and that the seriousness of the fire was aggravated by leakage from a defective junction-pipe leading to the burners. The responsibility for the fire did not rest with the Glen Line Ltd., nor with any of the parties cited in the inquiry, and no issue arose as to any certificate.

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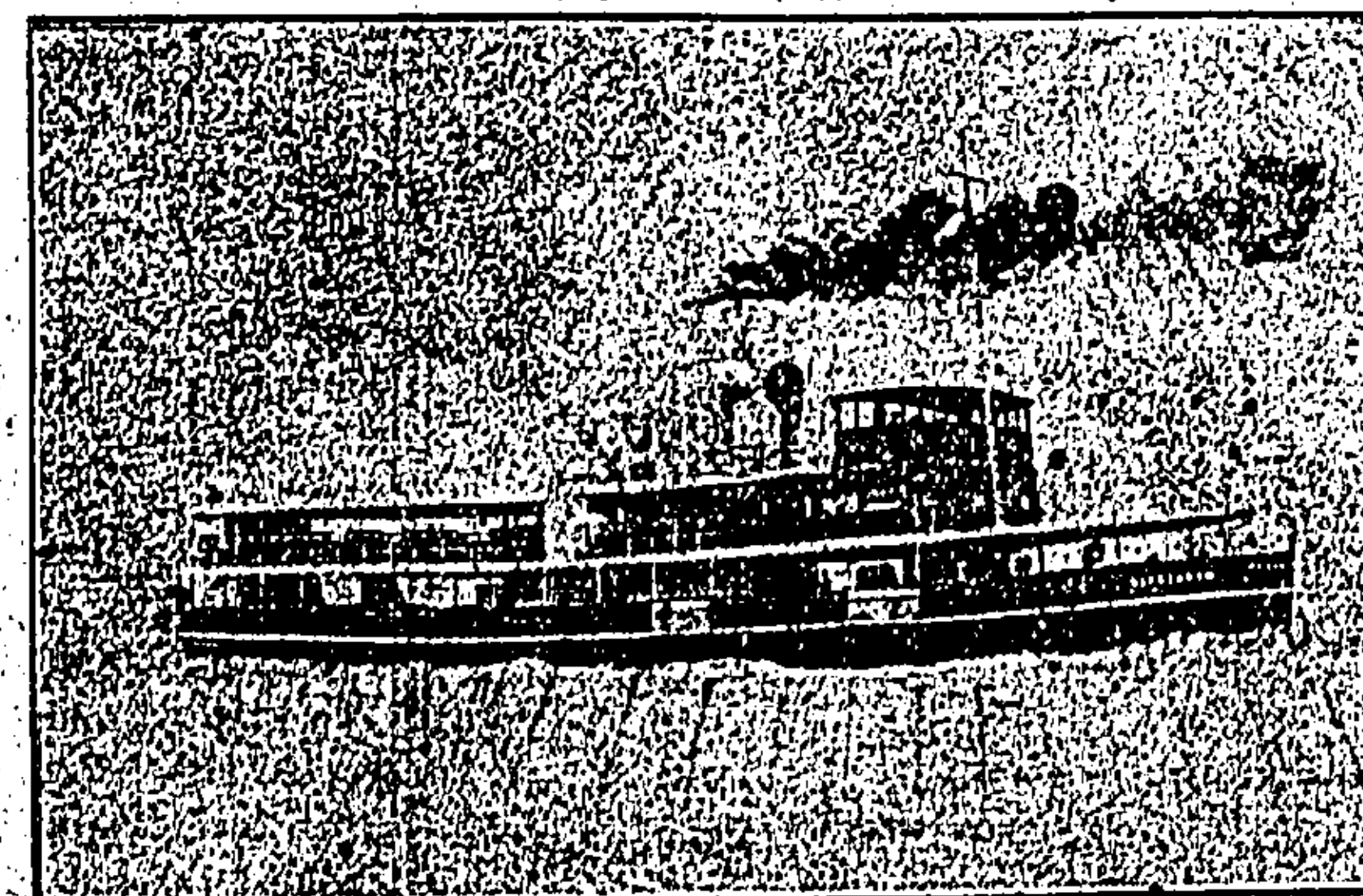
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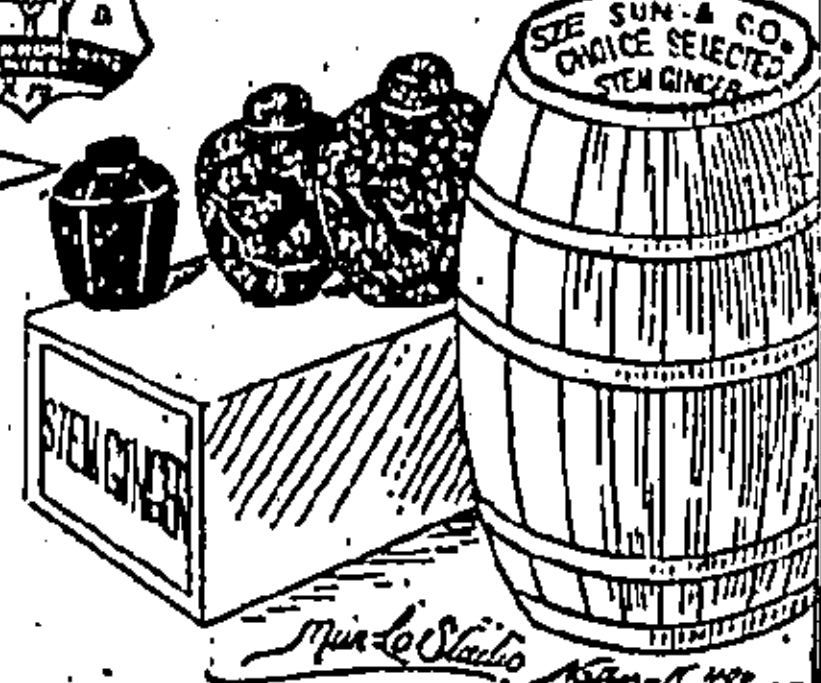
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ANGLO-CHINESE TREATY

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FOUR OTHER TREATIES

London, Yesterday. The Anglo-Chinese treaty, signed at Nanking on Dec. 20, restores Chinese Tariff Autonomy and reciprocally grants the most favoured nation treatment with regard to export and import taxes and shipping dues.

The full text of the Sino-British Treaty signed at Nanking on December 20 was issued this evening.

The preamble states that the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, desiring to strengthen the good relations and facilitate and extend trade and commerce between their respective countries, resolved to conclude a treaty for this purpose, and appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries Sir Miles Lampson and Doctor Chengting T. Wang, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Article One abrogates all the provisions of existing treaties limiting in any way China's right to settle her Customs tariff, and states that the principle of complete national tariff autonomy shall apply.

Article Two says that either country's nationals shall not be compelled to pay in the other's territories any duties, internal charges or taxes upon goods imported or exported other than, or higher than, those paid on goods of the same origin by British or Chinese nationals respectively, or aliens.

Article Three abrogates all provisions of existing Sino-British treaties limiting China's right to impose such tonnage dues as she may think fit, and states that British ships in China and Chinese ships in British territories shall receive treatment not less favourable than is accorded to alien ships.

Article Four lays down that ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible. The Treaty shall be enforced on the date on which the two parties notify each other that ratification has been effected. It adds that in the event of a difference, the English text shall prevail.

Imports and Exports. In a first annex, Sir Miles Lampson asks Dr. Wang to confirm his understanding that, firstly, articles produced or manufactured in British territories and imported into China, and reciprocally, articles produced or manufactured in China and imported into British territories, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to any other foreign country as regards import duties and all matters connected therewith; secondly, that articles produced or manufactured in China and exported to British territories, and reciprocally, articles produced or manufactured in British territories and exported to China, shall receive similar consideration.

Dr. Wang acknowledges and confirms this understanding as correct. In a second annex, Sir Miles Lampson announces that the King, on behalf of the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Irish Free State, India, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia, and all the self-governing Colonies and the Protectorates, renounces the rights to benefit by those provisions of existing treaties which limit in any way, China's right to settle her Customs tariff or impose such tonnage dues as she thinks fit, from the date the Treaty is enforced, and asks for an assurance by the National Government that goods produced or manufactured in any part of these territories or in British mandated territories will be accorded most-favoured-nation treatment in China, so long as China's goods in these territories receive treatment as favourable as those of any aliens.

"Most Favoured Nation". Sir Miles Lampson also asks for an assurance by the National Government that articles produced and manufactured in China and exported to any of the foregoing territories will receive most-favoured-nation treatment as regards export duties, internal taxation, or transit dues, levied before export, or matters connected therewith, so long as goods produced or manufactured in such territory receive correspondingly treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods exported by any other foreign country.

Dr. Wang's reply notes His Majesty's renunciations, and confirms the reciprocal treatment of goods. The New Tariffs. In a third annex, Sir Miles Lampson understands that ad valorem rates, or specific rates based thereon, in the Customs tariff which the National Government is adopting are the same as those provisionally agreed upon at the 1926 Tariff Conference, and that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods; furthermore that these will remain the maximum rates thereon for at least a year from the date of enforcement, and two months' notice will be given of enforcement.

Sir Miles Lampson then draws attention to the National Government's proclamation of July 20, 1927, announcing the National Government's intention as soon as possible to take the necessary steps effectively to abolish likin, native customs dues, coast trade duties, and all other taxes on imported goods, whether levied in transit or on arrival at destination and asks for an assurance that it is the National Government's intention that goods having once paid Customs import duty in accordance with the new or any subsequent national tariff, will be freed as soon as possible from any levies of the nature specified in the above proclamation.

Dr. Wang's reply confirms the correctness of this understanding, and confirms the terms of the proclamation of July 20, 1927 and gives the assurance requested. To Be Applied Uniformly. In a fourth annex, Dr. Wang declares the intention of the National Government to apply new Customs tariff uniformly on all land and sea frontiers in China, and that from the date of enforcement, the present preferential rates levied on imports and exports by land frontier will be abolished.

Sir Miles Lampson's acknowledgment takes due note of this declaration, "with which Britain is in full agreement."

CHINA AND PORTUGAL

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The texts of the Sino-Dutch, Sino-Swedish, Sino-Danish, and Sino-Portuguese Treaties are issued. All grant tariff autonomy. Portugal and Denmark give up extrajurisdiction on the same terms as Belgium and Italy.

The second Article of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty states that the "nationals of each of the two high contracting parties shall be subject in the territories of the other party to the laws and jurisdiction of the law courts of that party, to which they shall have free and easy access for the enforcement and defence of their rights."

An annex to the Treaty says the National Government understands this is operative from January 1, 1930, before which date China will make detailed arrangements with Portugal for the assumption of jurisdiction over Portuguese in Chinese territory and failing such arrangements made by January 1, 1930, Portuguese citizens will be amenable to Chinese laws from a date fixed by China after having come to an agreement for the abolition of extrajurisdiction with the Powers signatory of the Washington Treaty; it being understood that such date shall be applicable to all such Powers.

A further annex declares that after relinquishment of extrajurisdiction, Portuguese citizens will enjoy the right to live, trade and acquire property in any part of China, subject to the limitations and regulations of Chinese laws.

A further annex in the form of a joint declaration states: "It is understood that Portuguese in Chinese territory and Chinese in Portuguese territory shall hereafter pay such taxes or imposts as may be prescribed in the laws and regulations duly promulgated by the Chinese and Portuguese Governments, provided such taxes, and imposts are not other, and not higher, than those paid by the nationals of any other country."

SINO-SPANISH TREATY

Nanking, Yesterday.

The Sino-Spanish Treaty was signed to-day at noon. The text will be published on January 3.—Reuter.

Man at Menai Bridge: If I wanted to speak an untruth I would have had a solicitor.

SCHOOL PRIZES

PRESENTED TO-DAY AT YAU MATI

THE YEAR'S WORK

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed prizes to the successful students of the Yaumati School this morning.

Among those present were Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools. After the prizes were distributed to the successful students, Mrs. Martin was presented with a bouquet of flowers. At the conclusion three cheers and a "tiger" were given to Mrs. Martin.

The headmaster, Mr. C. Mycock, read the report. He said: The Report.

The school was open 378 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 272; the average daily attendance 253.8. The average daily attendance last year was 246.6, an increase of 7.2.

The attendance last year was excellent—97.8 per cent. This improvement over last year is due to the general immunity from small-pox, the only serious epidemic prevalent during the year.

Staff.—The staff at the end of this year consists of the Headmaster, two European Mistresses, seven Anglo-Chinese Masters and three Vernacular Masters. Mr. Brawn went on leave on March 31, his place as Headmaster being filled by Mr. Mycock transferred from Ellis Kadoorie School.

Mr. Chan Kam-tai was appointed on September 10 to replace Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai, who died on September 25 after a long and severe illness.

Mrs. Jeffreys was seconded to the school for duty for a few days in November while Mrs. Murphy was in Hospital.

Fees.—The fees were increased from January 1 to \$5 per month, and made payable for every month in the year.

Buildings and Equipment.—In February two new Beaver Black Boards were received. The P.W.D. made sundry repairs in May. Following the report of the Medical Officer of Schools alterations were made to the lavatories. The roof was slightly raised and apertures for light and air enlarged. The present system was condemned and an early substitution of the flush system was strongly recommended.

Some of the furniture is rather dilapidated and will be replaced next year.

Discipline.—Discipline generally is very well maintained. The general standard of conduct has been high.

Organisation.—The work of the school has been strictly confined to the syllabus with the exception of hygiene which was reintroduced in 1926.

Health.—In March and October the Medical Officer of Schools examined 105 entrants. 89 boys had 145 defects, mostly of a minor nature. 17 boys were unfit for drill or strenuous games, 21 have been supplied with Government spectacles. 59 others required treatment and the guardians concerned were informed by letter and held responsible that such treatment was given. Three boys have had operations.

Of 20 boys re-examined in 1928, two boys were worse than in 1927, nine showed improvement and nine no change.

During the year two boys died. An eye test was held in Class 5 in October. St. John Ambulance Brigade kindly re-vaccinated three members if the staff and three members of the staff and 176 boys on December 4. Every boy in the school has now been vaccinated at least three times.

Dr. Li Ying-yau has again most kindly given his services for the attention of all minor ailments. The staff has had a very unlucky year. Mr. Ho Yau-tak, Mrs. Murphy and the late Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai have all been absent from duty for long periods through illness.

Studies.—243 boys took the annual examination this month. In English subjects 202 or 83 per cent. passed; in Chinese, 233 or 95 per cent. The half yearly examination revealed a weakness in the upper classes in arithmetic, which now shows some improvement. Geography in class 4 was a disappointment. Colloquial throughout the school is only fair.

The other subjects are fairly satisfactory. Taking into consideration the many difficulties of the past year, the results are satisfactory.

Scholarships.—The generosity of Mr. Yu Hay-tong and the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie has supplied us with additional scholarships and prizes bearing their names, available this year for the first time. The latest Matriculation results show how these scholarships are appreciated. Three free scholars of 1926 now at Queen's College matriculated. Each had a distinction and two gained honours.

Another old boy has this year passed his final B.A. at the Hong Kong University.

Athletics.—Swimming was indulged in at Lai Chi Kok, and on launch picnics during the summer months.

The inter-class volley ball shield was won by Class 4A. Class 4B won the football shield. Competition was very keen and the sportsmanship displayed was very satisfactory. The twelfth annual sports held at King's Park this month were very well organised and successful. The jumps were particularly creditable.

Mr. Sung On-wing ably assisted by the Head Prefect, Ip Sheng-ming, has proved an efficient sports master.

Following the medical reports I considered drill unwise. Each class has appointed its own captain and vice-captain. They select teams from their own class, and are allowed the use of the ground at King's Park at stated times. All the boys of every class are thus able to use the ground.

There is a general keenness and unwillingness to be absent, and no apparent loss of work is noticeable.

At week-ends matches are played with local sides with varying results.

In the team-races at the local sports successes have been fewer than usual.

General.—Mr. Hui King-lim and the Prefects have again looked after the library. The supply of periodicals has been maintained, and it is extensively used. Its development is slow as it is entirely self-supporting.

The forest film "Chang" was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school in September.

Every boy of 13 or under attended the Grand Tattoo in October in charge of a master in October.

Thanks Expressed. In conclusion, I desire to thank Mrs. de Martin for her kindness in again honouring us by her presence, Mr. Ralph for his attendance, and to express regret that duty has caused Mr. de Martin to break his record of attendances after the interest he has shown in Y.M.T. for so many years.

My first report for this school would be incomplete without some reference to the loyalty and willing co-operation of the staff. It has been a difficult year, and the results, disappointing as, in some classes, they are, without that co-operation would not have been so good. I sincerely thank them for the assistance they have given me this year.

CRICKET

LEAGUE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI in their League match against the Club de Recreio on the H.K.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A. H. Gillingham (capt.), W. B. Cornaby, G. E. E. Divett, G. P. Lammet, A. Reid, W. V. L. Stanton, J. A. Simmers, W. K. Tait, G. R. Vallack, R. H. D. Wade, E. R. West. I.R.C. v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Craigengower C.C. in a League match to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp, at Sookunpoo:—

A. H. Rumliah (capt.), A. el Arculli, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Curraem, A. R. Minu, S. H. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. Ackler, A. S. Sufiad and A. K. Minu.

"IF I WERE AN EDITOR"

The lament of Canon Alexander, of St. Paul's, who would do away with newspapers altogether, has aroused considerable controversy, and the subject—What I would do if I were an editor, has now become a favourite topic for discussion.

Six celebrities reveal their plans of what they would do in the circumstances:—

Lord Forbes. If I were editor of a daily newspaper I should do away with various frivolous competitions, such as bathing-girl photograph contests.

George Grosmith. If I became an editor I should at once adopt the idea of coloured supplements. They are, to my mind, a most attractive feature.

Godfrey Tearle. I am afraid I should find editing a newspaper a very difficult job! My first idea would be to engage a very fine staff, who knew their job, and let them get on with it.

Sir George Thurston, the distinguished naval architect. If I should become an editor—which God forbid—I would take immediate steps to sell it to the first applicant! Leslie Henson. On becoming an editor I should draw my pay—and go fishing!

Lewis Baumer. I have no desire whatever to become an editor, but as to improvements in the daily newspapers, I am in favour of more good picture pages!

Solicitor at Workshop. Did you really have a good view of the accident?

Man: I made the remark that it was the first time I had seen underneath a motor-car.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman," and Carpi's Parisian Revue" at 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."

To-day—St. Peter's Y.M.C. dance at Lane Crawford's restaurant 8 p.m.

Jan. 3—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Land Sale. Dec. 31—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tai, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction. Dec. 31—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 60 cases Brandy and 71 kegs dyes, 11 a.m.

Sport. To-day—H.K.Y.M.C. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H.K. Club "A", 5 p.m.

Meetings. To-day—The H.K.F.A. Council holds monthly meeting in "S.C.M. Post" board room, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 29—Twelfth meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank, 2 p.m.

MME. POMPADOUR

LAVISH PRODUCTION COMING TO QUEENS

The famous story of Madame Pompadour, who has often been described as History's loveliest charmer, has been brought to the screen and will be presented at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The story is one of France in the eighteenth century. It traces the life of Pompadour from her humble beginning right up to the height of her fortune. It seems that the king's favourite wasn't always content with what she had. Pompadour ventures out one night and enters an inn where she meets and falls madly in love with Rene Laval, a poor young poet. The plot develops with amazing speed until—well—Pompadour is saved from disastrous ruin by her own quick wits. The picture has been given a lavish production and beautiful scenes of the court of Louis XV. with all its pomp and ceremony, are among the outstanding features of this splendid picture. Dorothy Gish is the leading player and is supported by an excellent cast many members of which are English.

"THE DIVINE WOMAN"

GRETA GARBO AT THE QUEEN'S

Greta Garbo's sensational picture attracted crowded houses at the Queen's last night. As the impulsive young peasant girl who rises to fame on the Parisian stage Greta Garbo's splendid acting deserves all the applause accorded to her by American critics. Lars Hanson plays with remarkable ability as the French soldier who suffers imprisonment because of his infatuation for Marianne.

An interesting M. G. M. News film and a Christie Comedy featuring Bobby Vernon completes an excellent programme.

The above programme will continue till Saturday with the Parisian Revue appearing at the 9.20 performance only.

"7TH HEAVEN"

RETURN OF SPLENDID WAR PICTURE

A picture that was awarded a medal of merit for 1928, "7th Heaven," is being shown at the World Theatre today till Saturday. It is magnificent, and although many of the details are technically incorrect, these faults are hardly noticeable as one follows the adventures of two loving souls.

The story is simple in itself, yet undoubtedly it fires the imagination. It predicts the life of a girl waif, meek and lovingly humble, living wretchedly in the Paris slums. Driven from kith and kin, she finds a sympathetic friend in a young fellow, who provides for her a house and food. They fall in love, but their blissful happiness is soon broken by War's call to arms.

Rather slow in action at the commencement the picture now becomes a stirring tale of strife and some remarkably fine scenic backgrounds are provided.

Charles Farrell, lately seen in "Felix," is entrusted with the principal male role, whilst Janet Gaynor, as the little waif girl, is splendid.

Willenden Magistrate, (Mr. W. H. Luke) to woman applicant: If your calculator is a substantial man, sue him for damages. If he has nothing, bear his remarks with patience.

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PROGRESS IN INDIA

WOMEN FREER TO-DAY
THAN EVER BEFORE

FALLACIES REFUTED

The impression created by the statement of her Highness the Maharani of Baroda is that every woman in India is condemned to wear a veil. This is not so, writes Dr. J. H. Cousins, principal of the Madras International School of Culture, in the "Daily Express." Purdah prevails only in North and Central India, and even there is confined to certain classes. There is no purdah in South India. Her Highness presided last year over an all-India conference of women of education. None of the delegates was veiled, and men were present.

At the Indian National Congress last December, in Madras, a big contingent of women volunteers helped to preserve order. There was also a Women's Day, with great meetings of women, at which men were present. No one wore a veil.

Hindu women are in public offices all over the country. The Maharani sees a tightening of restrictions on Indian women. I travel all over India, touching all classes of people, and I see more and more freedom in the lives of women. I lecture every-



Miss Marie Kopocka, who was elected as the prettiest girl in Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, in the first beauty contest ever held there. She works for a newspaper.

where, and see larger numbers of women in my audiences.

Girl Students Unveiled
The girl students in the Benares Hindu University, the central Hindu educational institution, mix with the men students, and are unveiled. Hindu women are constantly seen driving their motor-cars, and in the motor omnibus services all over India unveiled women sit next to the men passengers.

All India cannot be squeezed into a generalisation. I have read statements about the depressed condition of Indian women. Yet in Malabar women are the owners of property, the makers and breakers of marriage, fine students, athletes and swimmers, and are free from any restrictions.

There is purdah in India, of course, but it is local. There is early marriage, but it applies to a fraction of the people. Both are accretions from historical circumstances. They are not integral to Hindu social life and culture, and they are disappearing.

The men of India gave their women the parliamentary vote as soon as they had the power to do so.

Unveiled Hindu women have voted at general elections. After the next they will sit in large numbers as elected members of Parliament, and will hold Cabinet rank. The Minister of Health in an Indian State is a woman.

THE OTHER WOMAN

ACADEMY PORTRAIT IN A
DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court Mrs. Heather Forster Pilkington, of Cromwell-mews, South Kensington, S.W., was granted a decree nisi with costs against her husband, Mr. Roger Leonard Pilkington, of Lock View, Boulton Locks, Maidenhead.

The ground was his adultery with a Mrs. Cara Chambers, and the charges were not contested.

An illustrated catalogue containing a reproduction of Mrs. Chamber's portrait hung in the Royal Academy last year as that of "Mrs. Roger Pilkington" was produced in court and used for the purposes of identification.

Other witnesses were: Mrs. Pilkington, Mr. Frank Bunn, private inquiry agent, and Mr. Douglas Haig, steward at Murray's River Club, Maidenhead.

To a male applicant at Thames Police Court, Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, the Magistrate, said: "Apparently you want me to manage your wife, so that she can manage the family. It is too big a job for me."

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| do. (Single) | \$6 1/2 | n |
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| Shanghai Loans | \$54 | b |
| Bank | \$64 | n |
| Tromb Mines | \$17 1/2 | n |
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| H.K. & K. Wharves | \$134 | b |
| H.K. & K. Docks | \$38 1/2 | b |
| China Providents | \$510 | b |
| Hongkong | \$165 | b |
| New Engineering | \$74 | n |
| Shanghai Docks | \$105 | n |
| Cotton Mills | | |
| Ewo Cotton | \$13.15 | n |
| Orion Cotton | \$24 | n |
| Shai Cottons (Old) | \$75 1/2 | b |
| do. (New) | \$72 | b |
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| H.K. & S. Hotels | \$9.40 b 9 1/2 s | n |
| Hongkong Lands | \$105 | n |
| Shanghai Land | \$105 | n |
| Humphreys Estates | \$14.80 b 15 s | n |
| Hongkong Realities | \$8 1/2 | n |
| H.K. Territorials | — | n |
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| Public Utilities | | |
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| Peak Tram (old) | \$13 | n |
| do. (new) | \$6.80 | n |
| Star Ferries | \$69 1/2 | n |
| China Lights (comb.) | | |
| do. (old) | \$11.80 b 11 1/2 s | n |
| do. (new) | \$12 | n |
| do. 1928 issue | \$53 | b |
| H.K. Electric (new) | \$51 1/2 | b |
| Macao Electric | \$28 1/2 | b |
| H.K. Telephone | \$6.80 b old | n |
| China Buses | \$10 1/2 | n |
| Singapore Traction | \$12 | n |
| do. Pref. | \$17 1/2 b 18 1/2 s | n |
| Industrials | | |
| China Sugar | \$0 cts. | n |
| Macao Sugar | \$23 1/2 | b |
| Canton Tea | \$3 1/2 | n |
| Cementa (comb.) | \$9.80 b 9 1/2 s | n |
| do. (old) | \$7.80 | n |
| do. (new) | \$14 | n |
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| do. (new) | \$7.85 | n |
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| Watsons | \$13 1/2 | n |
| San A. Wings | \$9.00 | n |
| Iron, Gravel | \$3.05 | n |
| Macintosh | \$20 | n |
| Sincere | \$9 1/2 | b |
| Wm. Powells | \$3.65 | n |
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WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on December 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

| | 1927 | 1928 |
|--|--------------------|----------|
| Tytam | 9' 4" B 15' 2" B | |
| Tytam Bywash | 19' 10" B 25' 6" B | |
| Tytam Intermediate | L. 0' 2" B | |
| Tytam Tuk | 11' 9" B 34' 1" B | |
| Wong Nei Chung | 12' 1" B 20' 7" B | |
| Pokfulum | 17' 1" B 21' 9" B | |
| (Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow") | | |
| Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons. | | |
| Tytam | 1927 | 1928 |
| | 309.86 | 268.88 |
| Tytam Bywash | 2.78 | .50 |
| Tytam Intermediate | 195.99 | 194.08 |
| Tytam Tuk | 1,146.25 | 707.33 |
| Wong Nei Chung | 16.82 | 9.45 |
| Pokfulum | 29.94 | 21.15 |
| Total | 1,701.25 | 1,201.83 |

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

| | 1927 | 1928 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Consumption | 283.83 | 196.17 |
| Estimated population | 417,080 | 427,400 |
| Consumption per head per day | 22.7 | 15.3 |
| Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during November 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Intermittent Supply was given from November 18 to 30, 1927. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during November 1928. | | |

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

| | 1927 | 1928 |
|--|------------------|--------|
| Kowloon Reservoir | 8' 7" B 0' 10" B | |
| Shek Lai Pul Reservoir | 0' 5" B 1' 10" B | |
| Reception Reservoir | 0' 7" B | |
| Storage of millions and decimals of gallons. | | |
| Kowloon Reservoir | 1927 | 1928 |
| | 269.00 | 343.84 |
| Shek Lai Pul Reservoir | 19.10 | 108.66 |
| Reception Reservoir | 31.81 | — |
| Total | 399.71 | 452.50 |

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

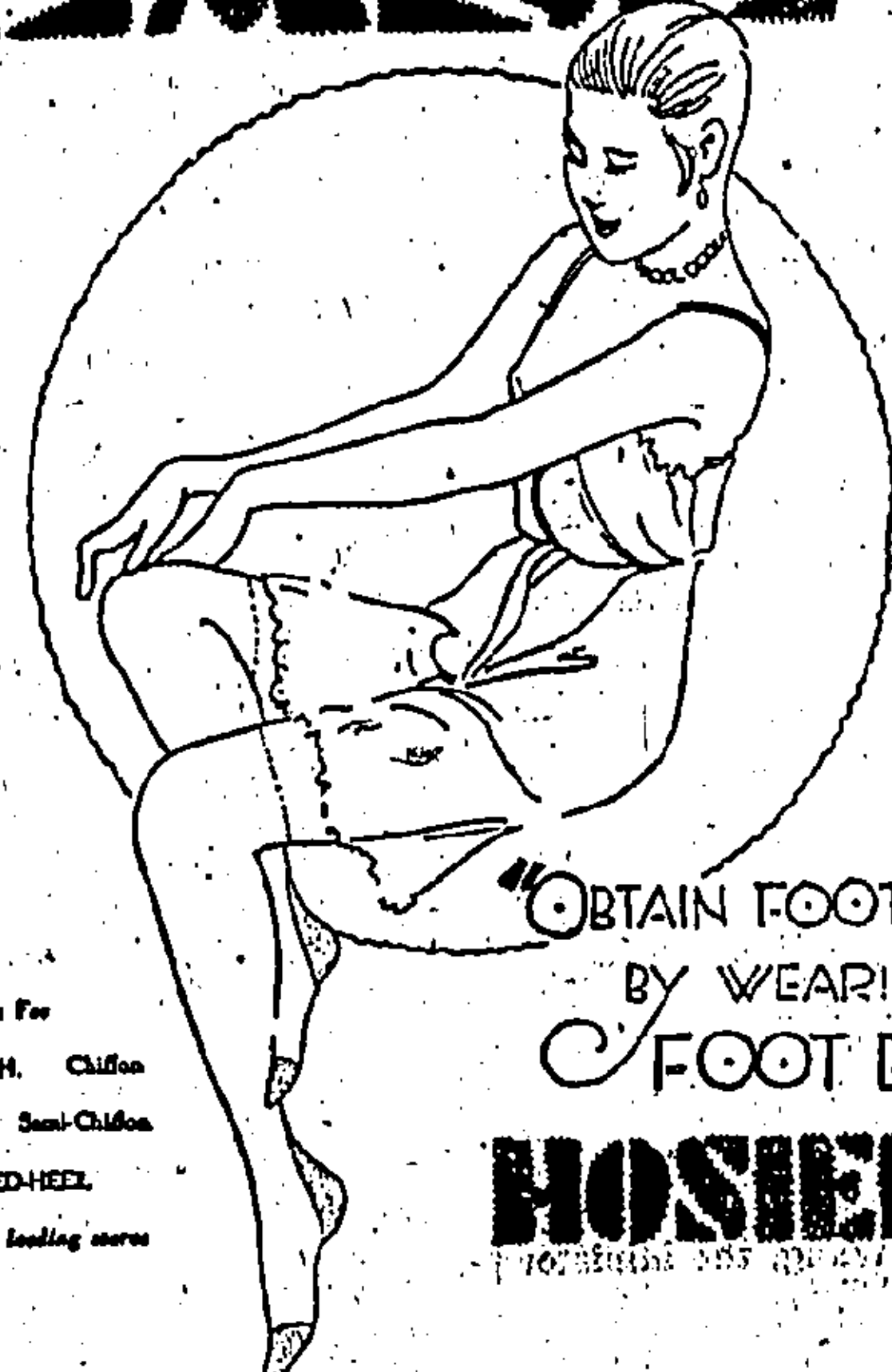
| | 1927 | 1928 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Consumption | 93.41 | 105.21 |
| Estimated population | 162,760 | 167,800 |
| Consumption per head per day | 19.1 | 20.0 |
| Full Supply in all districts during November 1927 and 1928. | | |

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to November 30, 1927, 106.50, November 30, 1928, 71.14.

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Big League Matches For To-morrow

THE INTERPORT

Kowloon Footballer Married

[By "Rover."]

To-morrow's League programme is as follows:—

Hong-Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Club ground—referee, Engr.

Wt. Barbour, R.N.

Queen's Regt. v. South China, Sookumpoo—referee, Captain Austin, R.A.

Recreio v. Club, King's Park—referee, Mr. Willis.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China A v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill—referee, Sgt. Clarke.

Eastern v. Navy, St. Joseph's ground—referee, Lee. Cpt. Grieve.

Queen's v. Kowloon, Chatham-road—referee, Mr. Stokes.

R.A. v. St. Joseph's, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Recreio v. South China B, King's Park—referee, Mr. Samy.

Chinese Athletic v. Small Units (Army), Club ground—referee, Sergt. Toms.

After the strenuous holiday football which many of the players have been engaged in the teams return to the League engagements with renewed vigour. The matches in the Senior League are unusually interesting.

Both the matches at the Valley and Sookumpoo will have an effect on the League table as the four teams engaged are all in the running for the League championship.

At the Club ground the Borderers and Athletic match should be extremely interesting, and it is hoped both teams will be able to turn out at full strength. I think the Borderers will make a strong bid for victory, although they put up a disappointing show against Kowloon on Saturday last.

The Regiment can field a fine side and the Athletic is just the team to bring out a bit of the Borderers' best. The Athletic will be without Tao Kwai-shing, but the reserve player deputising gave a good show last Saturday. The Athletic will have to work hard for the points and a draw is a likely result.

At Sookumpoo, the Queen's, who conquered the Athletic in a fine match by three goals to one, now try conclusions with the unbeaten South China team. This should be the best match of the day.

Both teams are capable of playing brilliant football on their day, and both have a partially for Sookumpoo which favours a fast open game. The Queen's will be all out to be the first to break South China's record, as they did the Athletic's this year and last, and South China will be equally keen on retaining the same.

The match should be worth going a long way to see and the result, in my opinion, will be a close one, with Queen's starting favourites. South China are much improved and if the defence can hold the strong Military forwards they will do well.

The Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Club match at King's Park is a very attractive fixture, and although Gosano turned out for Portugal, he is nursing injuries and is a doubtful starter. Points are hard to get at Recreio ground and Club will do well to secure one of them. The match is the only senior one at Kowloon and should be a great attraction. Both teams are on the up-grade and are just getting into their stride. This should be a big struggle.

Chief interest in the Junior Programme to-morrow will centre in the K.O.S.B. Regt. and Navy (B) games. Both teams are going strong for top place in the League. The Athletic are still in the running and also the Queens, and with all out on Saturday I expect the following winners:—K.O.S.B. Navy (B), Queen's Regt., R.A., South China B. and the Athletic.

The England v. China match on Xmas Day was a splendid struggle, and early opinions ventured on, as regards England's strength this year are justified. England are now favourites. Portugal gave a

HOME SOCCER

THE LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

ENGLISH LEAGUE

| Division I. | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Wednesday | 22 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 47 | 31 | 27 |
| Darby | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 50 | 31 | 27 |
| Blackburn | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 43 | 29 | 27 |
| Leeds | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 44 | 49 | 25 |
| Sunderland | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 51 | 39 | 24 |
| Leicester | 22 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 54 | 43 | 24 |
| Aston Villa | 21 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 50 | 43 | 24 |
| Liverpool | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 40 | 46 | 23 |
| Everton | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 35 | 28 | 23 |
| Burnley | 23 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 51 | 62 | 23 |
| Huddersfield | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 46 | 33 | 22 |
| Bolton | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 43 | 38 | 22 |
| Newcastle | 23 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 39 | 59 | 22 |
| West Ham | 23 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 21 |
| Arsenal | 21 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 35 | 40 | 19 |
| M'chester C. | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 43 | 51 | 19 |
| Sheffield U. | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 39 | 52 | 19 |
| Birmingham | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 40 | 48 | 18 |
| Partsmouth | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 30 | 46 | 18 |
| Cardiff | 22 | 7 | 10 | 28 | 29 | 17 | 16 |
| M'chester U. | 21 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 29 | 43 | 16 |
| Bury | 19 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 22 | 46 | 13 |

| Division II. | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Middlesbrough | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 53 | 37 | 29 |
| Notts C. | 22 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 40 | 25 | 29 |
| Chelsea | 22 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 37 | 24 | 29 |
| Hull | 23 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 42 | 32 | 27 |
| Bradford | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 56 | 41 | 24 |
| Southampton | 22 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 35 | 25 | 22 |
| Preston | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 50 | 43 | 26 |
| Blackpool | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 47 | 41 | 23 |
| West Brom. | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 38 | 41 | 23 |
| Stoke | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 24 | 22 |
| Millwall | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 40 | 42 | 21 |
| Grimsby | 21 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 42 | 39 | 21 |
| Notts Forest | 21 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 40 | 43 | 21 |
| Wolves | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 42 | 40 | 21 |
| Swansea | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 34 | 44 | 20 |
| Tottenham | 21 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 42 | 19 |
| Reading | 22 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 44 | 19 |
| Barnsley | 22 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 44 | 19 |
| Port Vale | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 36 | 44 | 17 |
| Clapton | 22 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 27 | 47 | 17 |
| Bristol C. | 22 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 32 | 46 | 15 |
| Oldham | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 20 | 46 | 11 |

| Division III (South). | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Plymouth | 21 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 43 | 24 | 28 |
| Fulham | 20 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 49 | 27 | 27 |
| Northants | 22 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 35 | 27 | 27 |
| Luton | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 45 | 25 | 27 |
| Queens P.R. | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 38 | 31 | 27 |
| Coventry | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 35 | 22 | 25 |
| Charlton | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 30 | 23 |
| Bournemouth | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 33 | 23 |
| Watford | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 33 | 33 | 23 |
| Crystal P. | 20 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 33 | 23 | 22 |
| Swindon | 21 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 40 | 42 | 22 |
| Southend | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 34 | 33 | 20 |
| Walsall | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 39 | 45 | 20 |
| Torquay | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 38 | 39 | 18 |
| Gillingham | 21 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 36 | 16 |
| Bristol R. | 20 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 28 | 41 | 15 |
| Northwich | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 29 | 36 | 14 |
| Exeter | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 39 | 14 |
| Brentford | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 33 | 14 |
| Merthyr | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 25 | 51 | 13 |
| Newport | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 26 | 40 | 12 |

| Division III (North). | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Stockport | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 66 | 31 | 29 |
| Wrexham | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 49 | 38 | 28 |
| Bradford C. | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 45 | 25 | 27 |
| Lincoln | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 51 | 35 | 26 |
| S. Shields | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 41 | 30 | 24 |
| Carlisle | 22 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 50 | 43 | 24 |
| Wigan | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 18 | 23 |
| Doncaster | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 36 | 30 | 22 |
| Crewe | 20 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 28 | 22 | 19 |
| Hull City | 20 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 30 | 28 | 21 |
| Tranmere | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 37 | 36 | 21 |
| Nelson | 21 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 41 | 45 | 20 |
| Chesterfield | 19 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 42 | 40 | 19 |
| Rochdale | 21 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 46 | 43 | 18 |
| N. Brighton | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 40 | 18 |
| Rotherham | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 29 | 40 | 18 |
| Aberington | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 28 | 40 | 15 |
| Hartlepool | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 60 | 15 |
| Darlington | 20 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 32 | 43 | 14 |
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Goldman; Scott; Trambitzky.

Reserves: Wallington, Massey.

KOWLOON RESERVES

The following will represent the

Kowloon Res. v. Queen's Res. on

Chatham-road ground on Saturday,

kick off at 2.30 p.m.—Angus;

Nicholls; Hast; Moore; Robson;

Blacklock; Hannan; Davies; Moss;

King, Dunnett. Reserve: Seddon.

FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASES: K.O.S.B. GYMKHANA

RIDE AT CANTON

The fixture list of the Fanling

Hunt is as follows:—

Dec. 30.—Cross-country scramble

—meet at Lok-ma-chau Cross-roads,

10.30 a.m.

Jan. 1.—Hunt ride—meet at

Hunters Arms, 10.30 a.m.

Jan. 6.—Water Hunt—January

Cup. Meet at Lok-ma-chau Cross-

roads, 10.30 a.m.

Jan. 13.—Point to Point—Jan

uary Cup. Meet to be announced.

Jan. 19.—Steeplechase Race

Meeting, Kwant.

Jan. 27—2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.

Gymkhana.

Feb. 2 and Feb. 3.—Paper Chase,

etc., at Canton (by invitation of

the members of the Canton Ride).

[By invitation of Lt.-Col. L. J.

Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and the offi-

cers of the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B., two

events in the Gymkhana on January

27, are confined to the subscribers

of the Fanling Hunt. Conditions

will be announced later.

Any members desiring informa-

tion re paper chase, etc. at Canton

can obtain same from Messrs.

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Chater-road.

No fixtures can be arranged with

the hounds as yet, owing to an out-

break of distemper, and as soon as

conditions improve, particulars will

be announced.]

RACE TO MACAO

POSITIONS ON CORRECTED

TIMES

THE FIRST FOUR

"Curlew," "Feathers" and "Wanderer" returned in the afternoon yesterday in the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's annual sailing race (for cruisers) to Macao and back (course of 70 miles) for the Potts Cup, and the race ended within the time limit.

Positions gained on corrected elapsed time, as announced, were as follows:—

hrs. mins. secs.

"La Cigale" (1st) 20 26 35

"U. and I." (2nd) 20 38 01

"Lady Jean" (3rd) 20 43 03

"Typhoon" (4th) 21 34 08

"Queen Bee" 21 42 01

"Norseman" 22 10 21

"Azuma" 26 08 33

"Curlew" 26 19 06

"Feathers" 26 53 48

"Wanderer" 29 02 49

[This race counts as one of the series for the cruiser championship of the R.H.K.Y.C.]

Those who took part were:—

"La Cigale": Mr. N. V. A.

Croucher and Mr. F. P. Lenfestey.

"U. and I.": Mr. H. S. Rouse,

Captain A. W. Davison, Captain

Alkman, Mr. P. Sinclair, Mr. J. L.

Adams, Mr. E. B. Reed.

"Lady Jean": Mr. H. J. Pearce

and Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.

"Typhoon": Mr. H. G. Gandy

and another.

"Queen Bee": Major W. G. H.

Miles, R.M., Mr. and Mrs.

Illingworth.

"Norseman": Mr. C. L. Edwards

and Mr. H. G. Russell.

"Azuma": Lt. J. Scott-Elliott, Lt.

J. D. A. MacLaren, Lt.-Comdr.

E. M. C. Abel Smith.

"Curlew": Major J. P. S. Grelg,

Lt. C. J. M. Martin.

"Feathers": Dr. Nicholson and

Captain Payton Reid.

"Wanderer": Mr. C. E. L. Grist,

Mr. F. Nicholson and Mr. G. G.

Stopani Thomson.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

London Co-Respondent



One result of the London engagement of Edna Best, the American actress, was to be named as co-respondent in divorce suit of Mrs. Hilda Lloyd Marshall, the English stage star. The latter was granted an absolute decree on grounds of infidelity.

On Trial for Life



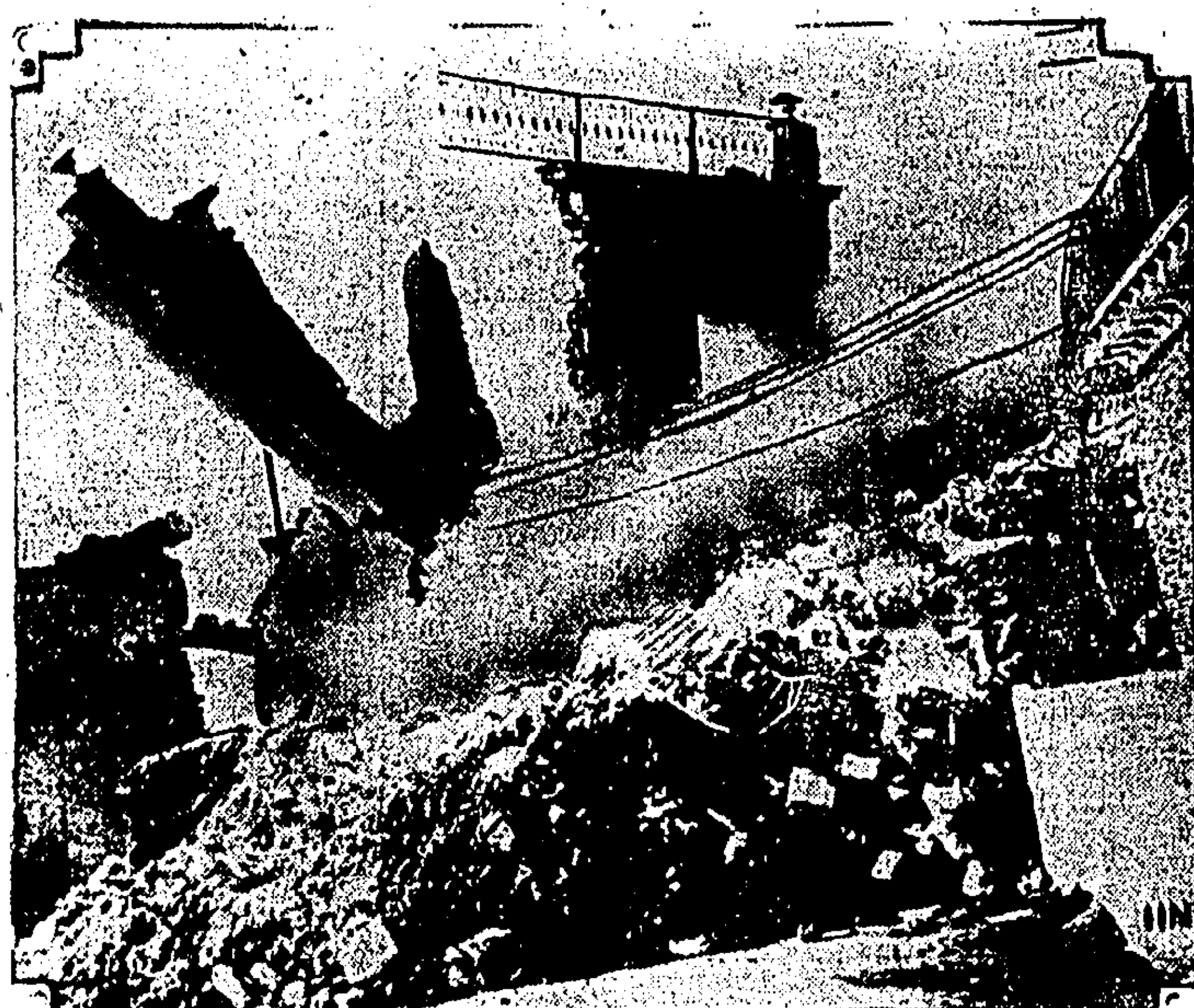
Mme. George Arnaud, a beautiful Parisienne, photographed as she appeared in the dock of the Seine Assizes charged with the murder of her husband.

Matrimony Ahoy!



Zelma O'Neal, the original "Varsity Drag Girl" who hurried home from London where she was a favourite of the musical stage, to marry Anthony Bushnell, a young English actor. Here she is on the deck of the "Beren-garia."

Striking Photo of Flow of Lava



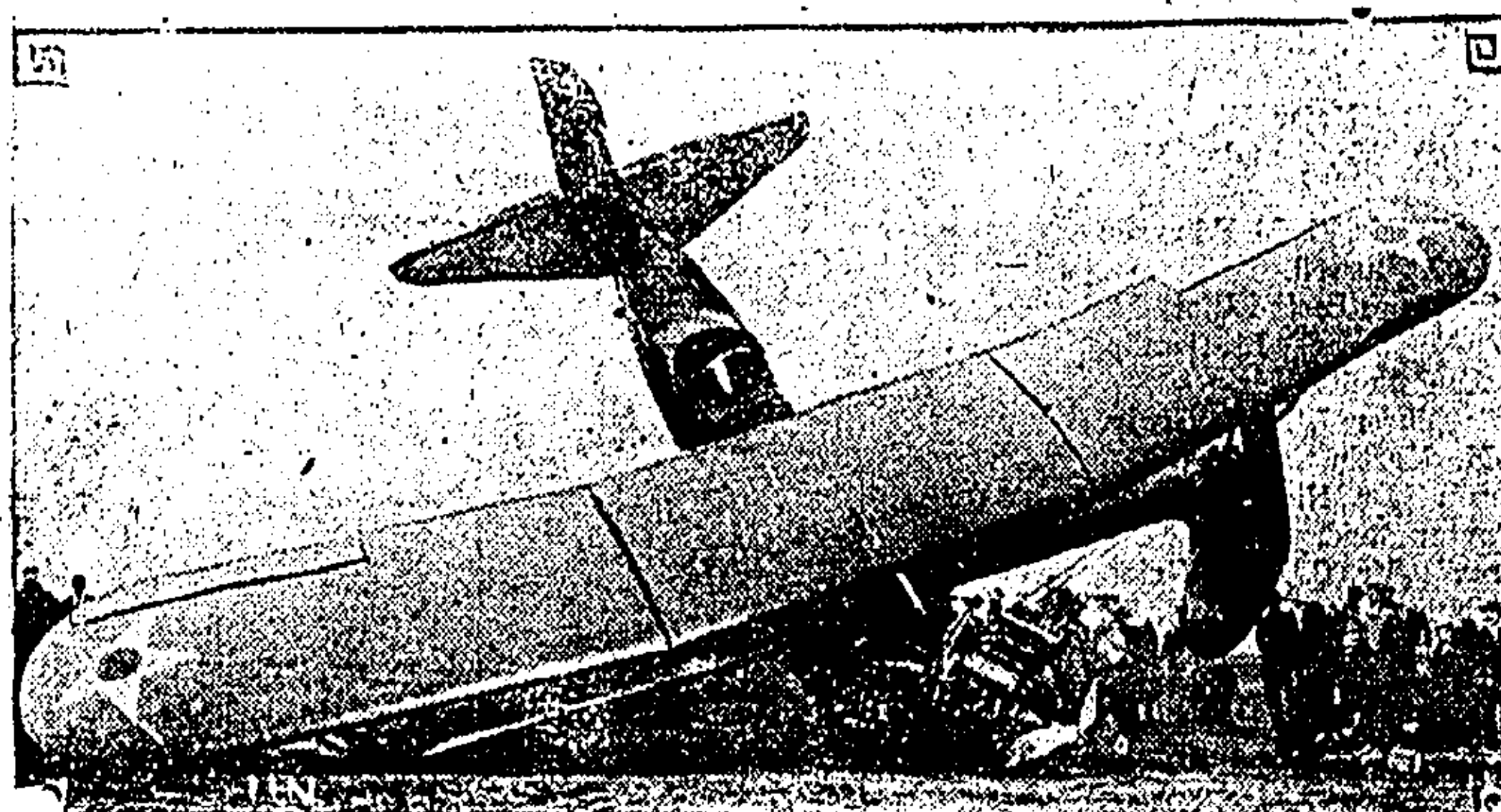
At imminent risk of his life, cameraman ground off this record of molten lava overwhelming a portion of the town of Mascali, Sicily, one of the communities entirely destroyed by the Mount Etna eruption. Photo shows the wall of a century-old building collapsing under pressure of the lava.

Was This a Prophetic Disaster?



The above remarkable photo shows the ill-fated s.s. "Vestris" hard aground on North Carolina shore after a dramatic race from mid-ocean with her hold ablaze. That was in 1919. The following year the liner was re-conditioned being placed in the South American trade.

Swoops Down on Golf Course



Forced down by fog and smoke this two-seater Curtiss observation plane cracked up on Hudson River golf course at Yonkers, N. Y., but Lt. S. D. Mills and H. E. Twining, the pilots, escaped without a scratch.

"Vestris" Survivors Reach Port



"Vestris" survivors brought ashore at Hampton Roads from the U.S.S. "Wyoming" which cruised over the scene of tragedy until it was certain no further victims could be recovered. Right, Mrs. Yoshio Inouye, wife of the late Major Inouye of the Japanese Army, being carried ashore in a litter; left, Mrs. Norman Batten (top) and Mrs. George Ulrich. All three were widowed by the disaster.

Belgian Princess



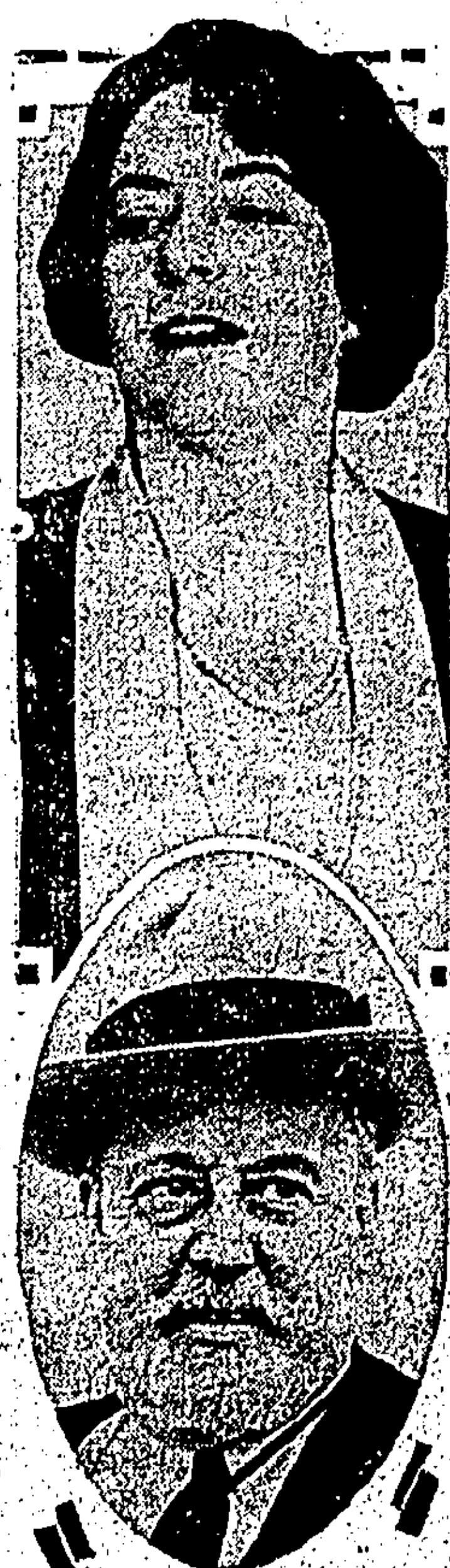
Princess Antoinette de Ligne, daughter of the Belgian Ambassador to the U.S.A. and H.H. the Princess Albert de Ligne.

Fire Chief!



Miss Edith Herzog, a University of Kansas co-ed, charged with keeping fire and trouble out of Corbin Hall, the girls' dormitory!

Gets Her Decree



A famous love story of the opera came to an end in Nogales when Mme. Frances Alda, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera company, obtained her divorce from Gullio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the organization. The pair were married 18 years ago.

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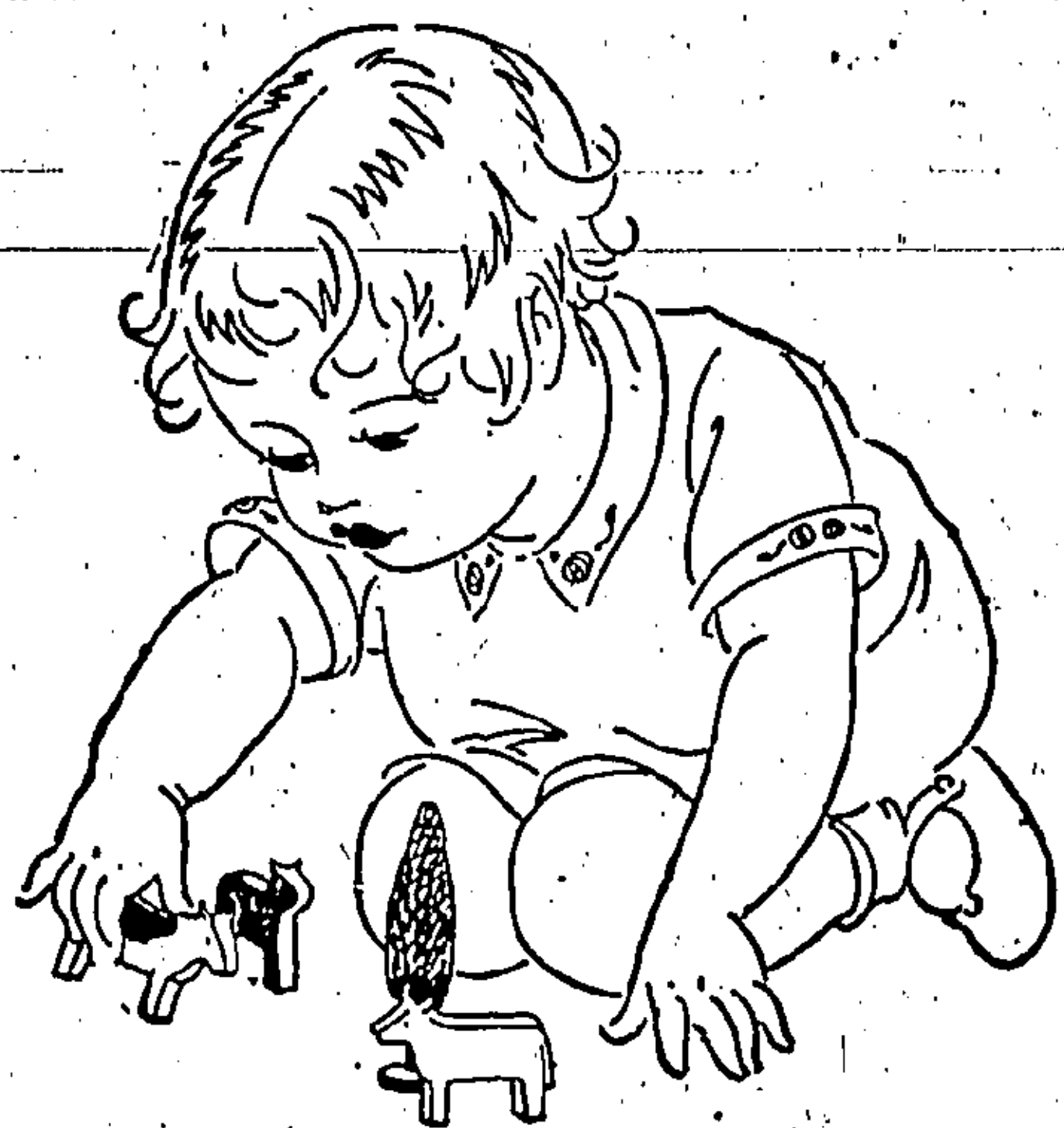
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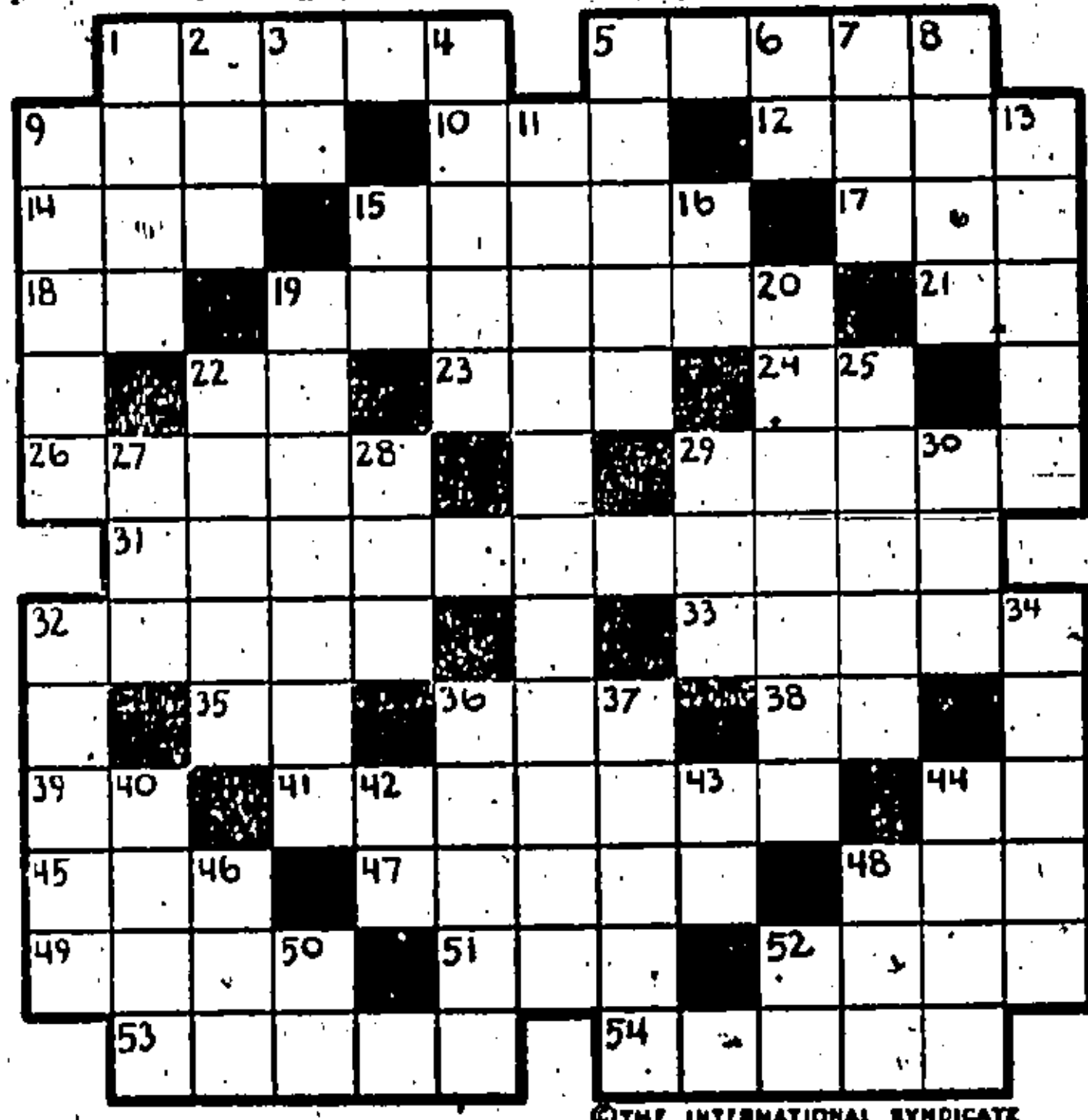
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

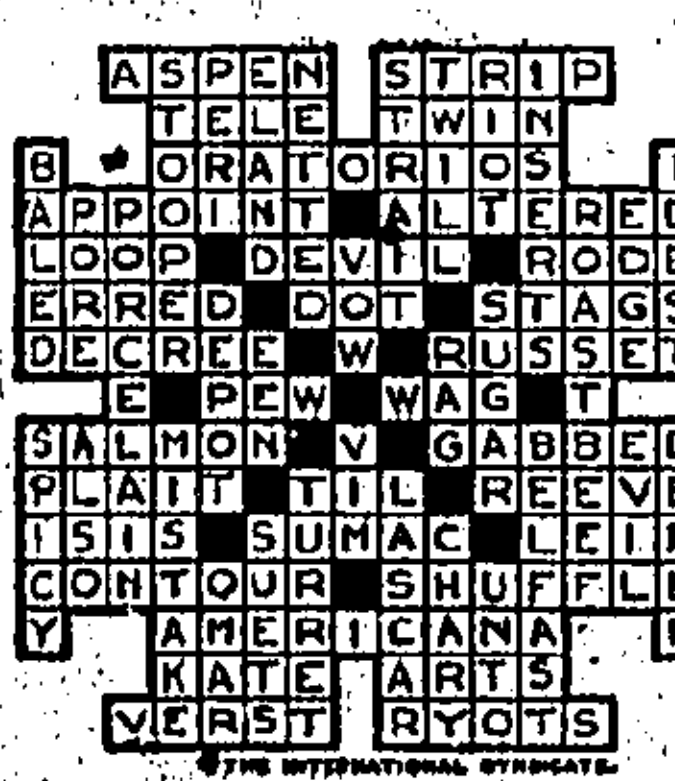
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- One of small bones
 - Grumble
 - First man
 - Mimic
 - Moves rapidly
 - Kitchen utensil
 - Confuse
 - To turn to right in driving
 - House of Lords (abbr.)
 - The state of being inactive
 - Pronoun
 - Promissory note (abbr.)
 - Portuguese coin
 - Bill of sale (abbr.)
 - Purloin
 - Top of the head (pl.)
 - Spoken with an accent
 - A city of Nebraska
 - To say publicly (abbr.)
 - Name unknown (abbr.)
 - Obstinate
 - Exists
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Preposition
 - Period of time (abbr.)
 - Forward
 - Decline
 - Agitates
 - Large
 - Abound
 - A quadruped
 - Wan
 - To desire something anxiously
 - A branch of learning (humorous)
- VERTICAL**
- Image
 - National (abbr.)
 - Common meter (abbr.)
 - Sword
 - Girdles
 - Class. Antiqu.
 - Either
 - A month (abbr.)
 - Apprehended
 - A plant sucking insect
 - Explanatory clause in a sentence
 - Appears
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- One or any
 - Pacific Islands (abbr.)
 - Mystic name of Bacchus
 - A military obstruction
 - A nut
 - Let stand
 - Child's cap
 - Greasy plain
 - Town in France
 - Compass point (abbr.)
 - Choir of eight voices
 - To wander along
 - The devil
 - The trunk of human body
 - Comply
 - Suffix to form plural of some nouns
 - Province of Canada (abbr.)
 - Grassy
 - Insect
 - Kill, on game
 - Mother
 - River in Italy

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

| Island | Feet |
|-------------------------|------|
| Victoria Peak | 1825 |
| Signal Station | 1774 |
| Mt. Parker | 1764 |
| Mountain Lodge | 1725 |
| The Byrle | 1725 |
| Peak Hotel | 1805 |
| Taikoo Sanatorium | 1000 |
| Mt. Davis | 877 |
| Bowen Road (filterbeds) | 297 |
| Taimoshan | 8124 |
| Mainland | Feet |
| Taimoshan | 3124 |
| Kowloon Peak | 1971 |

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"THE SOCIETY"

MUSICIANS' NEW CONSTITUTION

IMPORTANT CHANGES

[By Frank Eames, General Secretary, Incorporation Society of Musicians.]

Of all professions which exist in Britain to-day the profession of music receives the least recognition as a profession in return for its great services to the nation. There is one reason, and one only, for this state of affairs, viz., the profession has no representative body which can effectively safeguard professional interests.

Conditions in the profession to-day are not dissimilar from those which existed in other professions before their representative bodies were created. The profession is ill-

which the members have devoted their lives.

Local Examinations to End

The Incorporated Society of Musicians was formed forty-six years ago for the express purpose of creating such a representative body for the musical profession, and it has in the past faithfully endeavored to achieve the aims of its founders. Its constitution, however, was not fitted to meet the conditions existing in the profession to-day, and on the recommendation of a special committee, formed of many eminent members of the profession, the constitution has been recast. The objectives have been restricted to those definitely related to the highest interests of the profession, and the Local Examinations in Music, conducted for many years by the society, will therefore be terminated in December next.

The new constitution is eminently suited to meet the needs of all who practise music as a profession. Realising that membership of the society will become a recognised attainment, creating a definite status, the council have been careful to prescribe certain conditions of membership which ensure that all bona-fide practising professional musicians of good standing will be eligible. As a professional body the council have practical knowledge of the value of all existing recognised diplomas, and are not inclined to attach an exaggerated importance to the possession of degrees or diplomas. They do insist, however, that all applicants for membership give particulars of their training for the profession, as it is the "training" which is important, and not the "test" of that training. The age limit has been reduced to 21 years, and applicants also have to give particulars of their service and experience in the profession.

The most important change, however, relates to the requirement that on and from January 1, 1932, all applicants for membership must possess either the First School or Matriculation Certificate. Instead of a small council the new council will consist of thirty-five-fifty members elected as representatives to undertake various responsibilities. Such a council will be strong enough to act with authority, and by its very composition will pre-

vent any suggestion that policy is dictated by any particular interest.

A Representative Body

It is intended that the society, as reconstituted, shall be the representative body of the profession of music, and it claims the support of all who have any regard for the welfare of the art and the credit of the profession. The society does not seek to place any arbitrary limit on the number of those who practise the art; it seeks merely to ensure that those who do practise shall be worthy and of good standing in the profession.

There is thus an opportunity now given to the whole profession to co-operate in their own interests for the great purposes which form the main objectives of the newly-constituted society. Conditions in the profession tend to become more difficult every day. The develop-

Lois Moran



Appearing with George O'Brien in "False Colours."

ment of mechanised reproductions of music, with its many opportunities for the advancement of musical education in a manner undreamed of by our forefathers, should provide a stimulus for the profession, but it has also brought in its train difficult problems which can be solved more easily by a corporate professional body. With good will in the profession and co-operation on the basis of membership of this newly-constituted society there will be created a representative body which will be a "great ordinary means for securing a great ordinary end giving principles and fixed form to professional aspiration."

This is surely an objective worthy of the support of all who value the dignity of a great profession.—"Daily Telegraph."

Phyllis Haver



In "Official Scandal," for Pathé.

defined in the public mind; testaments granted upon examination by responsible institutions are confused with those of irresponsible commercial colleges, and there is no generally accepted code of professional etiquette. It is true that personality and enterprise allied with professional competency bring their own reward, but status has to be personally created and solutions found unaided for many difficult professional problems.

It has been said that the profession of music has no right to claim that it should rank as one of the great professions, that music is an intellectual luxury and not a necessity. No person who has any knowledge of the historical development of the various arts and sciences can admit that contention. The art of music has in each age developed in order to meet intellectual needs, and, with the other arts, has accurately reflected the aims and aspirations of progressive peoples. Academic principles have been formulated for its study; faculties at Universities have been established and endowed, and today music is an essential part of our primary, secondary, and University education, and is an active force in the intellectual life of the nation.

If, therefore, those who practise music do not constitute a profession, then they are merely engaged in a highly specialised form of casual labour, and nothing matters. Every person may be a law unto himself, and act as he pleases. But if there is a profession, then that profession has public responsibilities which can be met corporately only by the formation of a professional representative body charged with the duty of maintaining the honour and interests of the profession it represents and of promoting the art to the service of

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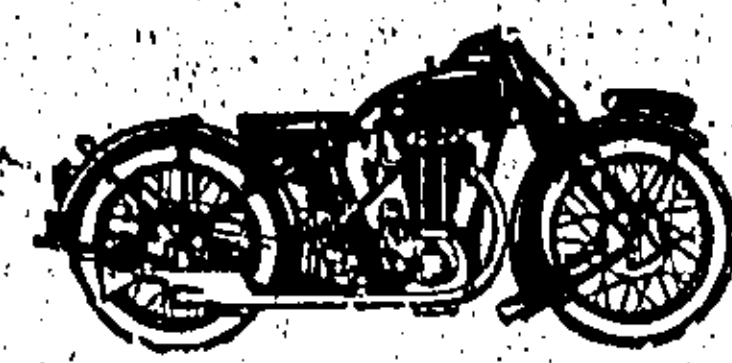


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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers
London, 29th Nov.) Kumsang
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai President Taft
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.
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seilles, 27th Jan., 1929. K.P.O.
Registration (Dec. 28) 4.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
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(Jan. 1, 1929) 10.30 a.m. President Jackson
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.
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JUMP OF DEATH FROM CATHEDRAL TOWER

SWISS TRAGEDY

FATHER DASHED TO PIECES;
DAUGHTER SHOT

BUSINESS WORRIES

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Lausanne Cathedral was the scene of a tragedy when a French subject named Elmalch jumped from the tower 200 feet high and was dashed to pieces in the courtyard below.

Elmalch was being shown over the building by a woman guide when he suddenly rushed up the steps leading to the spire and leapt into space.

Earlier in the day he had left his hotel and, telling his wife that he was going to take two of his children for a drive, motored to an inn outside Lausanne where he wrote letters. Later he met a policeman, and under the pretext that he was going to fetch a doctor asked him to look after his little girl, who, he said, had shot herself while playing with his revolver.

At the hospital it was found she had a bullet wound in the chest. Although her mother, who is in precarious health, submitted to blood transfusion in attempts to save the child, its life is despaired of. Business worries and inability to pay his hotel bill are given as the cause of the man's act.

NIGHT IN A DESERT HUT

CAPT. CAMPBELL

ADVENTURE FOLLOWS A
FORCED LANDING

PAYING THE SHEIKH

Capt. Malcolm Campbell has described to a correspondent in London, the adventurous night he spent in an Arab village in the Rif territory after he and Flight Lieutenant Don made a forced landing with their small aeroplane on the coast of Morocco.

He has returned to London after his aeroplane search to the Sahara Desert for a site on which to make an attempt on the world's fastest speed record. It was on the return journey from Oran that

FRESH AND FINE

North-east winds, fresh, fine, is the forecast until noon tomorrow.

A new anticyclone has formed over the Yangtze Valley. A depression is shown to the south-east of the Loochoos. Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The mishap occurred, 75 miles from Tetuan, toward which place they set out with two Arab boys as guides. Capt Campbell said:

"We walked along the shore for a whole day and at nightfall came to a village of hutments. We were conducted to a hut, and found ourselves in a room in which about nine Arabs were squatted. Only one candle lighted the room. A 'pail' of water was passed round. Don had a drink, but I did not like the look of the stuff. Next came pieces of bread and a pan of greasy-looking liquid. It was made clear that if we did not wish to insult our hosts we must dip the bread in the oil and eat it, which we did with considerable distaste.

The Sheikh's Wives
"The Arab chief or sheikh slept with his head half out of the only small entrance to the room. We were told afterwards that he took up this position so that no one should pass him without his being awakened. His wives, in considerable number, slept in the room below.

Don gave our host a pair of old pants and a vest, and I presented him with a pair of pink pyjamas. He seemed delighted with this form of payment for his hospitality.

"We trudged on next day. At last we came to a fort manned by some Spanish wireless operators, and they conducted us to a fully manned Spanish fort, where the commandant treated us with the greatest kindness.

COWARDLY ATTACK

FOUR RUNNERS ATTACK A COOLIE

FINED TO-DAY

An assault arising, it is alleged, through jealousy between a street coolie and four boarding-house runners took place yesterday in Salisbury road near the Star Ferry wharf at Kowloon. The street coolie, in the course of the scuffle, received an ugly gash across his face, which penetrated deeply into his left cheek. He had no chance to fight for himself, for while two assaulted him, two others held him by the arms. The timely interference by a Chinese traffic constable, put a further stop to more damage.

The "sequel" was heard at the Kowloon Court to-day, when the four runners were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge was granted a decree nisi of nullity of marriage.

The first defendant admitted the offence, but the other three, denied striking complainant, who appeared with a wide piece of plaster over the left side of his face.

The traffic constable, who affected the arrest, gave evidence of having witnessed the assault.

A fine of \$5 or seven days' jail was imposed on the first defendant, who, in addition, was ordered to pay \$5 as compensation to complainant. The other three were also fined \$5 or seven days' jail, and all four defendants bound over in a personal bond, in the sum of \$50, to be in good behaviour for six months.

IS IT A SHIPPING RATES' WAR?

THE HAVANA TRADE

CUNARD SAILS WITH A FULL
PASSENGER LIST

NEW YORK PAPER'S COMMENT

New York, Yesterday.
Despite the 25 per cent. cut in the Ward Line rates the Cunarder "Caronia" sailed full of passengers on her first invasion into the Havana shipping trade. Whether a first-rate shipping war is to develop remains to be seen.

"The World" declares that the Shipping Board's action is hasty and ill-considered. — Reuter's American Service.

Keen Competition

[The following telegram was received from New York on Dec. 28:—

Following the announcement of the Cunard Company's intention to put the steamer "Caronia" on the New York-Havana service, the Shipping Board has put the steamer "President Roosevelt" on that route and the Ward Line has reduced their passenger rates by 25 per cent.]

LORD BIRKENHEAD

SLASHING REPLY TO SIR H. SLESSER

GAVE THOUSANDS BACK

The duel of words between Lord Birkenhead, who recently resigned from the Government, and Sir Henry Slessor, K.C., the former Socialist Solicitor-General, is creating a great deal of public interest.

Sir Henry criticised Lord Birkenhead's acceptance of an ex-Lord Chancellor's pension of \$5,000 a year without assisting in appeal work.

Sir Henry, whose statement was made in the House of Commons, said that Lord Birkenhead "was not morally entitled to draw \$5,000 a year if he did not perform judicial work."

Previously, Lord Birkenhead had stated that he intended to take his pension until he settles down to his City directorship.

Moral and Legal Right
In a letter to the "Times" Lord Birkenhead described Sir Henry's criticisms as an impertinence. He added:

Speaking for myself, if I thought it proper to do so I should hold myself morally, as I clearly am legally, entitled to retain my pension.

He pointed out that his average earnings for the four years before he became a Law Officer were \$4,000 a year more than he received in that office. Then, after stating that the period during which he would draw his pension would not be unduly protracted, he continued:

During each year of my Law Office I voluntarily returned many thousands of pounds of my income to the Treasury. The late Lord Cave and the present Lord Chief Justice, each of whom was Solicitor-General under me, made the same unadvertised sacrifice. The stringency of public affairs was hardly less serious when Sir Henry Slessor was a Law Officer. I am unaware that either he or his chief felt it necessary to enter into any such self-denying ordinance.

As I have unintentionally been led to speak of myself as Attorney-General, I may, perhaps, be permitted to point out that I am the only Attorney-General known to history who has ever insisted that his Solicitor-General should earn approximately the same fees as himself.

Sir Henry Slessor, K.C., who was called to the Bar in 1906, was specially made a K.C. on the advent of the Socialist Government of 1924, in which he was Solicitor-General. He filled the office till the dissolution of the Government in December of that year.

Sir Henry had no seat in the House, and much of the work fell upon the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.

In the next Parliament Sir Henry was elected for the South-east division of Leeds, a seat which he still holds.

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"Poet and Peasant," Overture.
Grenadier Guards Band.
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"Polonaise," Mayer Gordon.
Violin.
"The Jewels of the Madonna," Intermzzo.
B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.
"Martial Moments."
Grenadier Guards Band.
"Ave Maria."
"On Wings of Song."
Squire Celeste Octet.

"The Creation," With Verdure Clad. John Bonner. Boy Soprano.
"Popular Songs,"
"Oh, Kay," Layton & Johnson.
"Summer Days Suite,"
(a) Wood Nymphs.
(b) At the Dance.
Queen's Hall Orchestra.
"The Bronze Horse," Overture.
London Symphony Orchestra.
"Lohengrin," Bridal Chorus.
"Tannhauser," Grand March.
Columbia Grand Opera Company.
"Four Indian Love Lyrics,"
Union Symphony Orchestra.
"The Jewels of the Madonna,"
"Little Cattle, Little Cattle,"
Norman Allin. Bass.
"Tannhauser," Bacchanale.
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Rosemunde," Overture.
Halle Orchestra.
"Drinking,"
"Song of the Flea,"
Captain Zaporozhets. Bass.
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B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.
News Bulletin.
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Close Down.